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Former captives return home amid speculation about deal

## French hostages in Lebanon freed

PARIS, May 6. (Agencies): Three Frenchmen held by pro-Iranian kidnappers in Beirut for three years began their first full day back in France today, amid speculation about arrangements that led to their release.

Premier Jacques Chirac hinted that Paris might restore diplomatic relations with Tehran and thanked Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Lebanese military authorities for their help.

Diplomats Marcel Carton, 62, Marcel Fontaine, 45, and journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann, 44, arrived at Villacoublay military airport outside Paris in a government jet yesterday.

Iran said its intervention brought about their release. Tehran Television, monitored in Cyprus, quoted Ali Reza Moayyeri, a deputy prime minister for political affairs, as saying Iran interceded "for humanitarian reasons."

### Mediator

Scepticism at home and abroad met French claims that no deal had been struck. Complaints from Britain and elsewhere accused France of dealing with terrorists while 18 other foreigners remain hostage.

Reports in Paris and Beirut said France had agreed to pay Iran the balance on a \$1-billion loan made by the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Radio France Internationale, citing unnamed diplomatic sources said France will sign a cheque for \$400 million within days.

The radio said France would release Anis Naccache, sentenced to life in prison for the 1980 assassination attempt against Shahpour Bakhtiar, an Iranian prime minister under the Shah.

ABC, an American television network, said France's mediator was Iranian businessman Manucher Ghorbanifar, who was involved in the US arms-for-hostages deal with Iran.

The station said France agreed to repay the rest of the loan in



Relatives of former French hostages — Marcel Fontaine (left), Marcel Carton (second from left) and Jean-Paul Kauffmann (second from right) — run to greet them on arrival in Paris. Prime Minister Jacques Chirac (right) looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)

food and other non-lethal supplies and re-establish relations with Iran. It said Iran agreed there will be no further terrorist attacks against France.

President Francois Mitterrand, asked in a radio interview if he would free Naccache, said he had not been asked. But last year, Mitterrand said he would free Naccache if Chirac asked him to do so as part of an arrangement to free all the hostages.

Ten French hostages have been released since Chirac's government took office in 1986.

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, who supervised the intense hostage negotiations, said no ransom had been paid.

A senior Muslim security source in Beirut said France paid a ransom of about 10 million French francs (\$1.8 million).

Money, arms and French neutrality in the Gulf war "was the price" which Iran set for securing the freedom of the hos-

tage release."

Al Ittihad, a UAE newspaper said today France supplied Tehran with spare parts for Iran's grounded Mirage jet fighters and released Tehran's frozen assets in return for the release of hostages.

Al Ittihad attributed its report to a prominent Islamic source, the daily claimed took part in efforts that eventually led to the freeing of the three Frenchmen.

French Foreign and Interior Ministry officials met yesterday with US, British, Italian and West German ambassadors to explain the circumstances surrounding the release.

The news agency Agence-France Presse said France offered to assist these countries in obtaining freedom for their hostages still held by Shi'ite Muslim extremists in Lebanon. No details were provided.

He also said that Assad "played a central role in the hos-

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## US bid to heal Syria-Lebanon rift

WASHINGTON, May 6. (AP): The State Department is conducting a little-publicised mediation effort to resolve another of the Mideast's seemingly hopeless conflicts: a dispute between Syria and Lebanon.

For the past five months, seasoned Middle East envoy April Glaspie has been shuttling between Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, who have refused to talk to each other for more than a year, according to US officials.

Ms Glaspie's efforts focus on attempts to negotiate a power-sharing formula before the Lebanese Parliament's selection of a new president this summer. Syria seeks increased Muslim influence in the political structure which currently favours the Christian minority led by

Gemayel. The US wants to prevent the election process from deteriorating into anarchy and to nurture Syrian goodwill efforts to free nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon, US officials say.

Glaspie's role is described as "more of a postman than a mediator," in the words of one official.

Gemayel, who served in the US embassy in Damascus and is now the US ambassador-designate to Iraq, "is indicating to the sides where compromises might be possible, but she's not putting forth any US initiatives," said one official.

Her diplomatic loop has also included stops in Paris and the Vatican, where officials are using their influence with Lebanon's Christians to advance the negotiations, he said.

But the Christians have thus far rejected the reforms proposed by Syria, and the United States is not hopeful of breakthroughs. "There are very difficult issues involved so that it's going to continue to take effort, but we're committed to seeing what we can do," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

US officials concede privately that the most Glaspie might accomplish is a promise from both sides to seek violence-free elections before the constitutional deadline of Sept. 23. No date has yet been set for the balloting.

Glaspie arrived in Lebanon today for talks with Gemayel.

Glaspie met former Foreign Minister Elie Salem, a close adviser to Gemayel, shortly after she arrived and was due to meet Gemayel later.

The United States has deployed the violence which followed the Israeli armed raid into south Lebanon, but it stopped short of criticising Israel for its actions.

Syria condemned the Israeli incursion.

WASHINGTON, (UPI): A fire in House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright's Capitol Hill office resulted in heavy damage though no serious injuries, authorities say. The blaze began shortly after 6 pm Thursday and was under control in about 20 minutes.

**Police excesses**

KARACHI, (Reuter): Shopkeepers in a Karachi suburb went on strike to protest at what they called police excesses after recent ethnic riots. Police were accused of rounding up people and firing in the air on Thursday night without provocation in Shah Faisal district.

**Labour gains**

LONDON, (AP): The opposition Labour Party has made strong gains in municipal elections and overtook Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives in the first electoral test of her radical third-term programme.

## Federal rule

NEW DELHI, (AP): The lower house of Parliament has voted to extend federal rule in the strife-torn state of Punjab for another six months. The upper house was expected to approve the action later. (See also page 3)

### Arafat visit

CAIRO, (Reuter): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will visit Egypt sometime after mid-May. Palestinian sources have told the Middle East News Agency, The PLO chairman will hold talks with Egyptian officials.

### Residence 'by mail'

SOURCES at Kuwait's Interior Ministry have said that the public immigration administration is studying a project which would enable expatriates to renew their residence permits by mail.

The administration is now linking its offices at the four governorates with a computer network which will be centrally controlled, sources said, adding that the ability to use the postal system for residence permit renewal will largely depend on the computer network.

### Zahed Matar

EACH newspaper claims it is the best newspaper in the country.

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How can the Ministry of Planning allow such companies to conduct surveys without permission from those involved?

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## Raj Kapoor struggles for life

NEW DELHI, May 6. (Reuter): Indian movie star, director and producer Raj Kapoor, doyen of the world's biggest film industry, has been struggling to survive bronchitis and pneumonia, a hospital spokesman said.

Hundreds of fans went to the Delhi hospital to keep vigil for Raj Kapoor, 64, who collapsed at an awards ceremony on Monday.

The condition of Raj Kapoor has deteriorated. The pneumonia condition of his lungs is causing great concern, a spokesman for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences hospital said yesterday.

He is very sick, the spokesman said, adding that a team of top specialists was keeping a round-the-clock watch on Raj Kapoor.

Fans stood under a burning

sun, waiting for bulletins on the ailing star. Some even managed to slip through a hospital security cordon to hand flowers to his three film star sons.

Raj Kapoor shot to fame in 1951 playing a comic tramp in the film "Awaara" which made him well known in the Soviet Union and China.

Film critic Amita Malik said the film "was one of the first films to enter China and the Soviet Union after the war and it struck a chord among those people when it presented an underdog triumphing in a world of elegance and romance."

Said India Today magazine: "It made two generations of Soviets and Chinese think of India as Raj Kapoor's country."

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## INTERNATIONAL

## French hostages freed

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husband's captors informed the French hostages that three British captives held in Lebanon were alive.

If true, this would be the first indication that the three British hostages — Anglican church envoy Terry Waite, 48, journalist John McCarthy, 31, and teacher Brian Keenan, 37 — are still alive.

Fontaine said his cellmate was Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press.

## Survived

"We survived," he told the French Television Channel 5 at the hospital. "I passed the time playing dominoes and chess with my cellmate."

Asked who his companion was, Fontaine replied: "The American, Terry Anderson."

American, 40, is the longest held of the remaining hostages. He was kidnapped March 16, 1985. Eight other Americans are captive.

Carton, Fontaine and Kauffmann appeared shaken and shaky as they walked slowly down the airplane steps on arrival in Paris.

Kauffmann drew back uncertainly when his 13-year-old son, Alexander, approached him.

Then, recognising him, Kauffmann's expression changed to delight.

Alexander's eyes filled with tears as he put his hands on his father's shoulders and looked him in the face.

"It's an incredible day," Kauffmann said. "But it's also a day which remains overshadowed because we are just three."

The journalist for the weekly magazine L'Evenement de Jeudi said Michel Seurat, the 39-year-old researcher captured with him May 22, 1985, probably died of cancer. Seurat's kidnappers claimed he had been executed.

## Nightmare

Carton and Fontaine were kidnapped March 22, 1985.

Kauffmann said the kidnappers chained the hostages' ankles and took their radios when US warships approached Lebanon's coast in February 1987.

He called the captivity "nightmare life."

At the airport, Chirac said: "As we all know, the liberation of our hostages falls into the framework of our relations with Iran. It's the authorities in Tehran who intervened with the captors so that they would free our countrymen."

France and Iran severed ties July 17 after an Iranian embassy employee, Wahid Gordji, refused to submit to questioning about bombings in Paris in September 1986. Gordji was allowed to leave Paris two days after French hostages were freed in Beirut.

The latest release came four days before Chirac's presidential runoff against Mitterrand, the favoured Socialist President, who is seeking a second seven-year term.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Skyscraper inferno

LOS ANGELES, May 6. (Reuters) Helicopters plucked 12 people from the roof of the tallest building in Los Angeles on Wednesday night as a spectacular fire destroyed four floors of the skyscraper and killed one person.

Thirty-one people, mostly suffering from smoke inhalation, were hurt and were listed in critical condition.

Fire Department spokesman said on Thursday one man was killed in the blaze. He said the man's body was found in an elevator on the 12th floor, where the fire appeared to have started.

## Carbide hearing

BHOPAL, May 6. (AP) Lawyers for Union Carbide today asked district court judge M.W. Deo to remove himself from hearing the \$3-billion damage case stemming from the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster.

## Israeli jailed

HONG KONG, May 6. (Reuters) An Israeli arms dealer was sentenced to two years in jail in Hong Kong today for possessing six false passports, a stun gun and cannabis.

## 45 burned to death

BOMBAY, May 6. (AP) At least 45 passengers burned to death Thursday when a bus caught fire after crashing into a tree in central India, a government official said.

## Bombs

BEIRUT, May 6. (Reuters) Two bombs exploded in Syrian-held areas of Lebanon, killing two people in a cinema and wounding three at a beach resort, police said today.



A student at a Henderson elementary school ducks for cover and covers his nose as a chemical cloud from an explosion pollutes the air. (Reuters wirephoto)

## One killed as rocket fuel plant explodes

HENDERSON, Nev., May 6. (Reuters) A blast at a rocket fuel plant near Las Vegas killed at least one person and injured up to 200 on Wednesday, hospital officials and eyewitnesses said.

The explosion at the Pacific Engineering and Production Co. of Nevada, which makes a component of the fuel for the space shuttle, was felt in Las Vegas, 17 miles (25 km) away.

It sent up a toxic cloud about 100 feet (30 metres) into the air, a local radio station said.

Witnesses said an orange-grey cloud was visible above the entire Las Vegas Valley, a bowl about 40 miles (70 km) across.

The explosion touched off a ball of fire whose smoke was visible in the gambling centre of Las Vegas.

Doug Bradford, spokesman for Las Vegas emergency management crisis team, confirmed one person had died and between 180 and 200 had been injured.

Another two people who had been badly burned and taken to burn units in the University Medical Centre and the Valley Hospital, he said.

## Polish workers vow to continue strike despite crackdown

KRAKOW, Poland, May 6. (UPI) Thousands of defiant steelworkers at the Lenin Foundry near Krakow vowed to stay off the job for an 11th day today, unbowed by a massive police raid in which several of their leaders were arrested.

In Gdansk, where a strike by shipyard workers entered its fifth day today, riot police rushed the main gate in a show of force but failed to frighten the strikers into a retreat, dissident sources in the Baltic sea port said.

"Brothers, steelers, the brutal action of the riot and security police did not break our strike," Andrzej Szewczuwaniec, a strike committee leader, declared Thursday after thousands of police stormed the huge foundry in the Krakow suburb of Nowa Huta. "We shall win if we persist."

## Defiance

A dissident source said nine strikers were seriously injured in the early morning police raid at the foundry, but a government spokesman denied the charge. Police said 38 activists were detained.

About 35 per cent of the 6,000 to 8,000 people assigned to the second shift at the foundry did not work following Thursday's raid, and after management forced

third-shift workers to declare whether they were on strike, most went home, dissident sources said.

Wladyslaw Sitkowski, a spokesman for the officially sanctioned Communist Steelworkers Union, said many workers in the foundry are defying the government by refusing to do their assigned tasks.

"For instance, a bar comes out from the furnace and a worker who is supposed to handle it is missing," Sitkowski said.

Szewczuwaniec called on steelworkers around the world to demonstrate support for the Lenin Foundry employees.

Authorities have also ordered operations suspended at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, where a strike by about 3,000 workers entered its fifth day today. Solidarity founder Lech Wałęsa Thursday promised the holdout strikers: "I will be your last to leave."

## Rainbow Warrior agent returns home

WELLINGTON, May 6. (Reuters) Rainbow Warrior saboteur Dominique Prieur was released from detention on a French island in the South Pacific and headed for home today without the consent of an angry New Zealand.

Her sudden departure from Hao Atoll, infuriated the nation and Prime Minister David Lange made a cryptic comment to reporters: "When the record of this appears, certain matters will be disclosed. It's not profitable to go into them at the moment."

The prime minister will make no further comment until after the French presidential election on Sunday.

Prieur and fellow-agent Alain Mafart are both regarded as heroes in France.

Lange said he had been told through "normal diplomatic channels" that Prieur would be returned to France "forthwith."

A Defence Ministry spokesman in Paris, today said Prieur was on her way home.

"We can confirm that captain Prieur is heading back to France at this moment," he said. He declined to confirm press reports she might be pregnant. Lange said in December she was "labouring under a misconception".

A Dutch Foreign Ministry official visited Hao in March, at New Zealand's expense to check on her presence. New Zealand has never indicated that his report suggested she was pregnant.

## Smokeless cigarette by year end

ATLANTA, May 6. (AP) Some smokers will be able to purchase a virtually smokeless cigarette during the last three months of the year, as one of the US largest cigarette manufacturers begins test-marketing the new product.

Whether sales will make the enterprise worthwhile is open to speculation, according to tobacco company analysts. F. Ross Johnson, president and chief executive officer of RJR Nabisco Inc., told stockholders the cigarette will be available in some US markets during the fourth quarter.

"I think it's a possibility, somewhere greater than zero, it could be a major thing. It could be enough of an impact to slow down some of the anti-smoking campaign," said Neal Kaplan, an analyst with investment securities in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The company remains secretive about its plans for the product, developed in a three-year project code-named "operation black hole," for competitive reasons.

There will be no information on the test markets, the product's brand name, projected sales or inventory until just before the product is available, according to David Fishel, spokesman for RJR subsidiary R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

French

Hundreds of FLNKS rebels have been waging a two-week battle of barricades and bullets against French rule.

French

## Full-scale war feared in New Caledonia

## 21 die in assault to free hostages

NOUMEA, New Caledonia, May 6. (Reuters) The death toll from a commando attack on Kanak kidnappers in New Caledonia rose to 21 today amid fears of full-scale warfare by indigenous people fighting to end French rule.

An Army spokesman told Reuters that soldiers combed thick scrub on the remote island of Ouvéa had found the bodies of three more Melanesian Kanak rebels, bringing to 19 the number of separatists killed during the seven-hour assault on Thursday.

Two French commandos were also killed in the action, which ended two weeks of captivity for 23 French hostages.

More than 8,000 French troops and police were put on maximum alert following threats of all-out war by separatist Kanak leaders.

Hour of fight

Describing the dead guerrillas as martyrs of the separatist cause, the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) called on Kanaks to "take up the gauntlet against colonialism because the hour to fight has come."

At their daily news conference on Thursday, FLNKS leaders called the assault "a new demonstration of colonial barbarism" and "a day of shame for the

French.

French

## INTERNATIONAL

## Yemenis patch up dispute

SANA, May 6. (AP): North and South Yemen have affirmed their commitment to unity in an agreement that has defused a simmering dispute along the oil-rich border, but diplomatic sources saw little prospect of an early merger.

North Yemen's President, Ali Abdullah Saleh, and Ali Salem Al Baidh, secretary-general of South Yemen's ruling Yemeni Socialist Party, reached an agreement in Sana'a and details were announced yesterday.

The summit meeting capped months of negotiations by senior officials from both countries, and mediation efforts by Arab leaders, to cool tensions between the two countries that lie on the southwest tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Trouble began brewing along the undemarcated border last October as both countries, among the poorest in the Arab world, strove to develop their new-found oil wealth. There was some skirmishing, but no major clashes.

## India backs coalition

## Najibullah offers peace

NEW DELHI, May 6. (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah, on a rare visit outside the Soviet bloc, passionately renewing his pleas for peace and reconciliation in his war-torn land.

They have vowed to continue an eight-year war that has cost at least a million lives until Najibullah's visit to New Delhi caused considerable speculation that India sought such a role.

Opening a three-day visit to India, which has close ties to Moscow but stresses it is non-aligned, Najibullah renewed his plea for his exiled opponents to sit down with him and work out a peaceful future.

He was speaking at a banquet on Wednesday night, 11 days before an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops are scheduled to begin their withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Kabul was ready "without pre-conditions to call upon all the opposition, whether in Pakistan, Rome, London, Bonn, in the United States or anywhere else, to attend a nationwide peace jirga (assembly) for solving the internal aspects of the Afghan problem," Najibullah said.

Leaders of mujahedeen rebels based in Pakistan, however, have rejected a United Nations-brokered accord between Najibullah and Pakistan in April on Soviet withdrawal to begin on May 15 and be completed over nine months.

Top Indian officials, who have never openly criticised Moscow's December, 1979 intervention in Afghanistan to prop up a tottering communist government, made clear their backing for Najibullah's plan to establish a broad-based coalition.

"We look forward to these efforts ushering in an era of peace and progress for the friendly people in Afghanistan," Indian President Ramaswamy Venkataraman said at the banquet.

He promised India would give what it could in aid and expertise to help Afghanistan recover from a bloody war that has caused five million people to flee to Pakistan and Iran.

Those criteria were described as "consent of the people, capacity and willingness to exert-

political role." New Delhi wished to play in making peace between Kabul and the mujahedeen.

A hasty one-day visit to Islamabad by the top civil servant at the Indian External Affairs Ministry on the eve of Najibullah's visit to New Delhi caused considerable speculation that India sought such a role.

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The newspaper quoted an unidentified top State Department official as saying the United States would welcome a provisional government in Afghanistan if it controlled territory and met certain other criteria.

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Najibullah peace

its international obligations, possession of a civil administrative apparatus that can govern."

Such a government "would have earned recognition from the international community," the Times quoted the official as saying.

From May 15, seven million Afghan refugees will be asked to walk through uncharted minefields back to homes still within the sound of the guns and to fields blasted by war.

The head of the Pakistan office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) believes his organisation faces its most daunting task yet in trying to help them.

## 'Witch' raps West Bengal government

CALCUTTA, May 6. (AP): Ipsita Roy Chakrabarty, self-described "witch" and former schoolteacher, is accusing officials of failing to protect witches in West Bengal state, where at least 20 suspected sorcerers were murdered last year.

The 44-year-old housewife went public Saturday after Chief Minister Jyoti Basu, the top government official of West Bengal state, disclosed the slayings during a discussion on crime in the state.

"Are we repeating and perpetrating the misdeeds and mistakes of medieval Europe?" Mrs Chakrabarty said. "Why is there nobody to call the killing of witches in present-day India 'brutal and superstitious'?"

Basu, who heads the Communist Marxist Party in West Bengal, said April 27 that at least 27 people had been arrested in the killings of the suspected witches in the eastern state, which borders Bangladesh.

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## Sikh militants kill 12 more in Punjab

in Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Patiala districts, police said.

They gave no further details.

Meanwhile, Punjab's top security official said police may enter the Golden Temple in Amritsar because of clashes with armed separatists controlling the holiest shrine of the Sikh faith, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Julio Ribeiro, advisor to the north Indian state's governor, said, however, the government had no plans as yet to flush out the extremists controlling the sprawling temple complex.

Ribeiro, former Punjab police chief, spoke to reporters in the Punjab district headquarters of Jullundur as security forces in Amritsar built fortified emplacements covering the approaches to the temple.

Police outside the Golden Temple last week exchanged fire with separatists inside who have been fighting for an independent Sikh homeland in north India. At the time, police said the extremists had built fortifications inside the complex.

## Palestinians fight in Beirut camp

BEIRUT, May 6. (Reuters): Fighting erupted in Beirut's battered Shatila refugee camp today between rival Palestinian commandos while two Shi'ite groups fought running street battles in the city's southern suburbs.

At least four people were killed and three wounded in the fighting in the narrow, alleyways of Shatila shantytown, Palestinian sources said.

The sources said commandos loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat traded heavy rocket and machinegun fire with fighters of a dissident pro-Syrian group led by Abu Musa.

Battles

The battles, which flared during the night, broke a lull that had held since Tuesday when Arafat's men said they gained control of the camp, home to some 3,500 refugees living in small tin and concrete shacks.

The sources said the fighting broke out after Abu Musa's group brought "up" reinforcements.

Before a ceasefire took hold on Tuesday, Shatila and nearby Bourj Al Barajneh camp had seen four days of clashes in which

## Climbers meet atop Everest

KATHMANDU, May 6. (Reuters): Noboru Yamada, 38, from Numata city, who has climbed Everest twice before, Tibetan and Nepali climbers appeared on television at the summit of Mount Everest on Thursday after scaling the world's highest mountain from opposite sides.

The Japanese television pictures, broadcast from the summit and seen in Kathmandu, showed six climbers at the top of the 8,848-metre (29,028-foot) mountain.

Two Tibetans — Da Cering, 37, and Rinquer Puncog, 44 — along with Nepal's Ang Phurba Sherpa, 27, scaled the mountain from Nepal's south side.

Japanese mountain guide

## West German firm denies sale of N-material to India

DUESSELDORF, May 6. (Reuters): Swen, disputed allegations made by the Oslo popular daily Verdens Gang, last month that Alfred Hempel, the West German businessman who owns Rohstoff-Einfuhr GMBH company manager Helmut Swen, had not broken the law.

"Our company has not violated national laws or agreements with suppliers," Rohstoff-Einfuhr GMBH company manager Helmut Swen told Reuters.

The Norwegian government said on Wednesday it did not know the whereabouts of 15 tonnes of "heavy water" sold by industrial giant Norsk Hydro to the Duesseldorf-based firm in 1983 and would call in police to investigate.

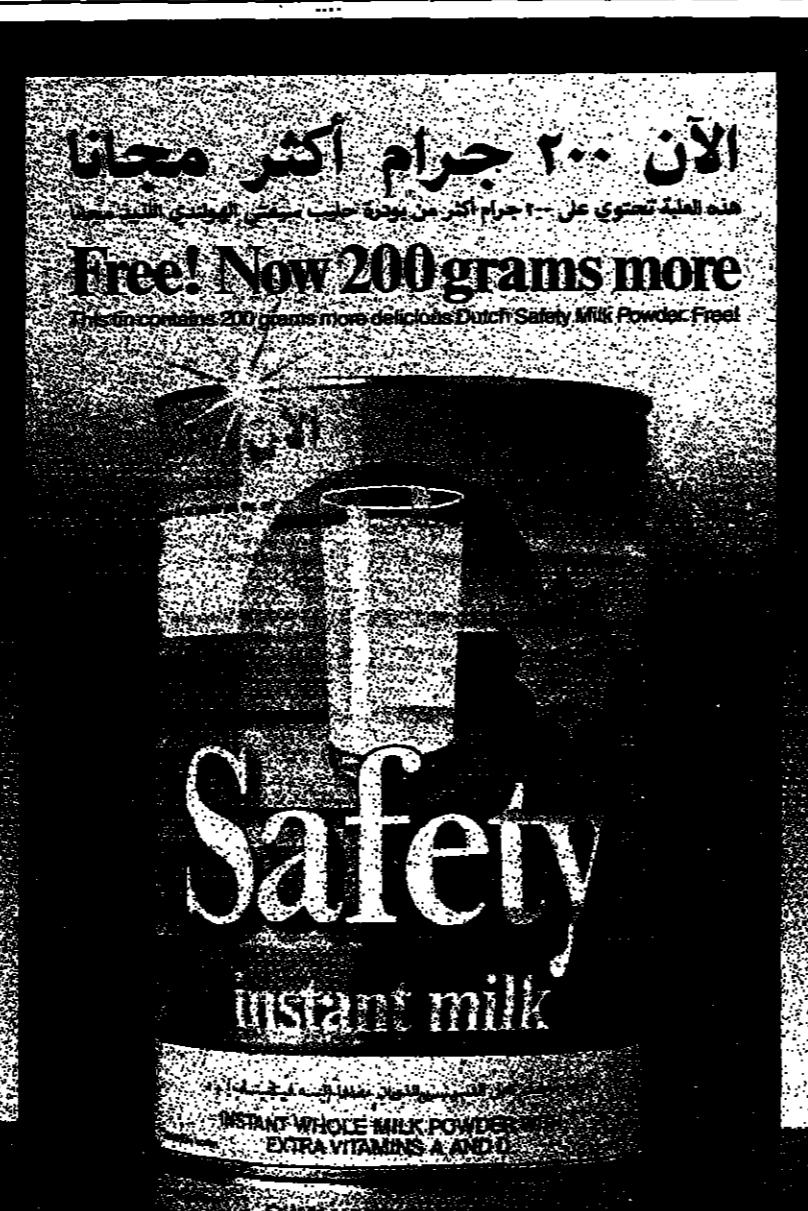
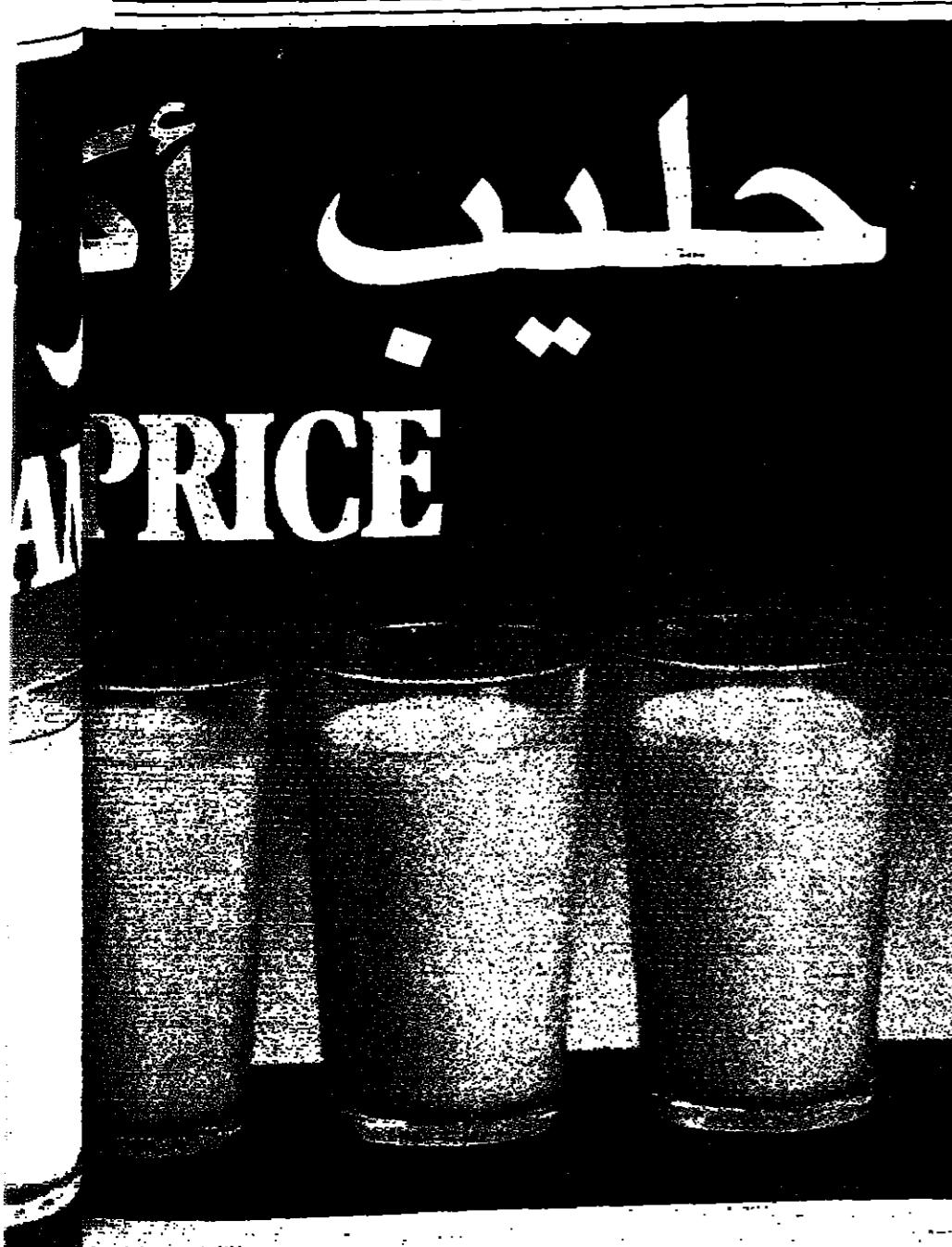
Heavy water, or deuterium oxide, can be a key ingredient in the production of nuclear bombs and its export is tightly controlled. Norway forbids the resale of heavy water to a third party.

Experts have described the quantity of material involved as significant. The International Atomic Energy Authority says 20 tonnes of heavy water can produce enough plutonium in a year to conduct a nuclear explosion.

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## Dhaka sees foreign hand in tribal revolt

DHAKA, May 6. (Reuters): Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury called a tribal revolt blamed for 47 deaths in the past two weeks an "evil design based on a foreign blueprint" but stopped short of naming neighbouring India.

The attacks by mainly Chakma tribesmen of the Shanti Bahini guerrillas in Chittagong Hill Tracts were "part of blueprint prepared with foreign help, to serve evil purposes," he told parliament.

"We know where the rebels operate from, where they get arms and training," Chowdhury said. But he did not name India which Bangladeshi officials have accused in the past of aiding the rebels.

Bangladeshi officials said last Monday that at least 47 Bengali-speaking settlers had been killed in the past two weeks by the guerrillas fighting for autonomy for the hill tracts.

Three members of parliament said Bangladesh should scrap a treaty of friendship with India because of India's alleged help for the rebels.

The Shanti Bahini took up arms in 1973 after the government rejected their demands for autonomy and for expulsion of 300,000 settlers from the 14,500 sq km hill and forest region bordering India and Burma.

Nearly 1,400 settlers, rebels and soldiers have been killed in the 15-year-old insurgency.

# Kuwaiti minister hails WHO efforts to achieve health goals

GENEVA, May 6. (Kuna): Kuwaiti Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq, hailed here today the great efforts exerted by the World Health Organisation during the last 40 years to achieve healthy life for the world people.

In his address, delivered on the 40th anniversary of the WHO, the Kuwaiti minister said, Kuwait had celebrated the WHO 40th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of "Alma-Ata" declaration and organised a Health Week in Kuwait.

Seminars were also held on the occasions with the aim of educating the public about health awareness, he said.

Over Kuwait's daily health services to citizens and residents, Dr Abdul Razzaq and health services in Kuwaiti hospitals and clinics are extended free of charge. Special attention is given to maternity and childcare, injection and protection from diseases.

The Kuwaiti minister noted that Kuwait was particularly concerned with combatting smoking through educational campaigns, increase of customs fees on tobacco import, as well as

proposing of a legislation banning smoking in certain areas.

In the child health area, the Kuwaiti official said his country has been greatly concerned with protecting children against fatal and contagious diseases through injection, which covered a spectrum of more than 90 per cent.

#### Training

This resulted in a slash in the infant mortality which stood at 15.6 per cent, half of the 1980 percentage, which goes in conformity with the Unicef instructions, that requested such a decrease be realised by 1990.

Kuwait has even achieved the required rate prior to the set date, he elaborated.

Training courses for national cadres employed in the health areas, health research, and check-ups for all imported labour, and AIDS combatting have received special attention by Kuwaiti authorities.

The minister called on the WHO, to continue extending health services to Lebanon and to condemn the Israeli brutal acts against the Palestinian people, who are in need of the organisation's services.

Meanwhile, specialists attend-

ing a WHO seminar here today, would try to draw up recommendations on how the agency's goal of "health for all by the year 2,000" could be achieved.

Kuwaiti Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, said yesterday.

In comments to Kuna, the minister added that a panel of six people from each WHO region were aware that the issue of health for all was not a simple health question, "it is a very complex social, economic and cultural issue."

The minister, whose previous post was minister of health, will be representing the East Mediterranean Region, which groups most Arab states.

#### Monitoring

The seminar was being arranged to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Alma-Ata meeting in the Soviet Union, when world health leaders agreed that massive investment in primary health programmes should be made in order to reach the objective of health for all, he recalled.

Dr Al Awadi said he believed a regular series of such meetings involving experts from all the

regions should be held to monitor and follow-up progress in world health programmes.

The minister predicted the six experts would agree that there should be more central monitoring to make sure that targets were being reached.

"At today's meeting we will try to assess what progress has been made in the past 10 years and at the same time we will try to see the best way to proceed in the future," he commented.

"Health for all by the year 2,000 is an easy thing to say, but we need to know how much has been done and how can really make it more practical," he said.

The Kuwaiti minister, who is well known in international health circles and who has extensive experience in public health matters, was president of the World Health Organisation's annual conference in 1980.

Recent WHO statistics show that since the Alma-Ata declaration, the proportion of the world's children who have been inoculated against the six most common infectious, and often fatal, diseases had risen from 5.00 per cent to close to 50 per cent.

## Book fair opens

SHEIKH Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, recently opened the Eighth Book Fair organised by the Sociologist Society at its premises in Al Odaiya.

Sheikh Nasser expressed his appreciation towards the activities of the society, particularly during the holy month of Ramadan. He told reporters present that it was a pleasure to every year witness a wide choice of books in diversified fields of discipline. He was particularly appreciative of the printing of the Holy Quran verses and their meanings and vocabulary on a single computerised tape.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Undersecretary of the Information Ministry Abdulaziz Jaafar, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Issa Yaseen; the Assistant Undersecretaries of the two Ministries; The Editor in Chief of Al Arabi Magazine; the acting Secretary General of National Council or Culture Arts and Letters, Dr Sulaiman Al Askari and the Secretary General of the Society, Faisal Al Sanei.



Sheikh Nasser (second left) looking at some books.

## No plan to increase air fares: Mazidi

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi has said that there is no intention to increase air fares from Kuwait to any country by Kuwait Airways Corporation or any other airline.

As chairman of the Higher Council for Civil Aviation, Mazidi said that the council rejects any unjustified increase in airfares and has asked relevant authorities not to increase fares until the end of the summer.

The general Civil Aviation Authority has also denied that airfares would be increased according to an agreement between KAC and most other airlines in Kuwait.

The authority warned that airlines which increase airfares above prices charged in December would be held legally responsible.

## Focus on administrative reforms

THE Undersecretary of the Education Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari, presided over a committee meeting entrusted with coordinating the programme of execution of planning and administrative development projects at the ministry.

Al Khudari said discussions at the meeting dealt with the methodologies for the next stage of administrative development and developing existing organisational structure at the ministry such as educational areas and related operational by-laws.

The undersecretary said that discussions focussed on the need for the committee to pursue its studies throughout the summer recess so as to define obstacles to the existing organisational structure and recommend solutions aimed at eliminating these obstacles and optimising the educational process management.

Al Khudari issued instructions for the formation of three committees to undertake organisational studies, for educational areas and for schools management.

## King Fahd meets President Saleh

RIYADH, May 6. (Kuna): The King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz last night met President of the Yemen Arab Rep. Col. Ali Abdulla Saleh in holy Makkah. Radio Riyadh reported today.

The monarch earlier received the president along with the accompanying delegation who arrived here Thursday afternoon to perform Umra (minor pilgrimage), the broadcast added.

The Yemeni delegation arrived in Madina at dawn Friday within its visit to the kingdom to perform umra and visit the prophet's mosque in Madina, it concluded.

## 3 years jail for having illegal sex

A MAN and a woman were sentenced to three years in jail by Kuwait's Criminal Court for having illegal sexual relations with one another.

Judge Abdulla Salam Al Qurashi presided at the court session.

## Lecture on water heaters

AT a recent lecture held at Kuwait University on the problems and solutions of water heaters, Dr Adel Al Subaish commented that in spite of the availability of quality water heaters, on the occasions they have exploded, have resulted in leaving the scenes resembling the aftermath of a bomb. Conversely, he said, that low quality water heaters start leaking the moment they are defective and cause no explosion. Also, there were types of heaters where the electrical circuit was automatically broken at the

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## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Israeli invasion of Lebanon

TWO Kuwaiti dailies have commented on the recent Israeli military operation in south Lebanon.

Al Rai Al Aam newspaper said through the "mini invasion" to south Lebanon, Israel wanted to tranquillise the Israelis who now feel insecure.

Israel has failed to thwart the raging popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories and affect position of the PLO due to the new rhythm in the Arab-Israeli conflict, the paper noted.

The Arabs have to take advantage and exploit the elements in the Middle East conflict and establish an effective Arab movement, Al Rai Al Aam pointed out.

Al Watan tackled the same issue from a different angle.

It said the Arabs stood still during the Israeli military operation in Lebanon, even the usual statements of denunciations and condemnations were absent, the paper added.

Israel penetrated deep into Lebanese territory with its tanks, armoured vehicles, cannons and agents, killed, destroyed, and withdrew, all this and the "Arabs are sleeping," the paper noted.

The Arab nation has ignored cries of the suppressed Lebanese people, Al Watan said.

## Media and press department to open next year

DEAN of Kuwait University's arts college Dr Khalid Al Naqib has asked various media institutions in the country to assist, by providing necessary utilities, in the establishment of the media and press department.

Dr Naqib told Kuna that the department will open classes most probably by September, 1989, after an executive committee assigned to prepare for its inauguration completes its work.

The delay in opening that department was because of the need to ensure the volume of local demand on information-related posts, he said, adding that a number of field studies pointed to the need of specialities in the information fields.

He affirmed that the department will focus on the professional aspect and will endeavour to elevate the profession and he

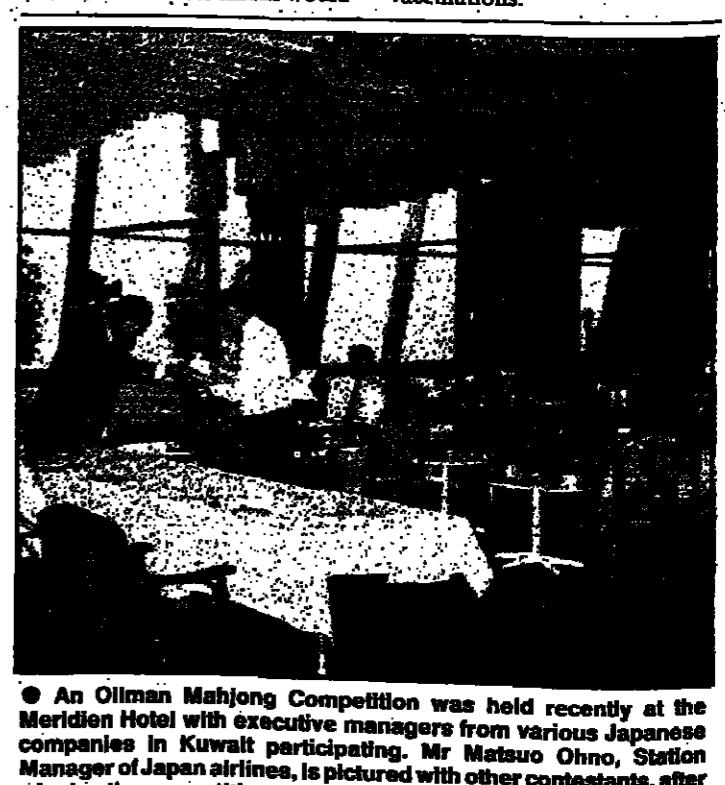
## Caravan owners expect a large number of hajis

EACH year, during the holy month of Ramadan, owners of Haj caravans make preparations for Hajis proceeding to the holy lands by road.

Mohamed Al Naqib, owner, stated that this year's preparations were on a larger scale. Booklets were printed for the Hajis aboard the caravans to guide them correctly on the rituals and included prayers for recital during the journey. The king officials of the Interior, Health and Awqaf ministries for their assistance and cooperation, he said.

Ojail Al Enizi, four years in the field, stated that acceptance of Hajis commenced at the outset of Ramadan and July 6 would be the closing date. Praising Kuwait's haj caravans as the best in the world, coupled with the government's care programmes, he commented: "This year will see a big number of hajis due to the schools summer vacations coinciding with the haj." He added that having the highest confidence in the Saudi security forces, the Iranian threat would leave on July 14 and return on 28 of the same month.

Ahmad Al Shati, organising caravans since 1982, attested that mistakes concerning former caravans were studied to avoid repetitions and urged all hajis to ensure medical check-ups and vaccinations.



An Oliman Mahjong Competition was held recently at the Meridian Hotel with executive managers from various Japanese companies in Kuwait participating. Mr Matsuo Ohno, Station Manager of Japan Airlines, is pictured with other contestants, after winning the competition.

## Arab tradition of marriage among relatives changing

A LARGE number of parents of pupils at the French School of Kuwait have appealed to the Education Minister, Anwar Al Nouri, to intervene in the dispute that has arisen between the school administration and the owner of the school.

At a recent meeting, the parents said that their children's future education plans were at stake because the French Education Ministry no longer recognises the school and its certificates.

They said that non-French children who had begun their education while in France in French schools, had continued their education in the Kuwait French School, planning to return to France to continue their studies.

They added that a recent statement made by the Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education, Dr Yacoub Al Sharrahi, ignores the fact that the French Education Ministry will no longer recognise the Kuwait French School.

### Guide on accredited US colleges

THE cultural office at the Kuwait Embassy in Washington recently published a guide on accredited American colleges and universities.

The guide contains various academic specialities for 1988-89 listed according to the conditions and standards approved by Kuwait's Education Ministry, according to Kuwaiti newspaper.

The head of the cultural office, Dr Muzza Al Haroun, said that the 385 page guide was prepared in about 18 months.

He said the list of universities and colleges was likely to be reviewed and changed annually according to Kuwait's educational needs.

### Amir of Bahrain meets Kuwait envoy

MANAMA, May 6. (Kuna): The Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa met on Thursday evening with Kuwait's Ambassador Ahmad Abdul Al Mubarak.

According to Manama-based Gulf News Agency, the meeting between the two focused on bilateral issues and recent developments in the Gulf region.

### Euro-Arab meeting

A KUWAITI daily yesterday quoted an official European source as saying that a Euro-Arab meeting at the foreign ministers level will be held in Bonn on July 23.

The paper quoted the source as saying that the meeting will be limited to chairmen of the previous, current and coming sessions of the European community namely Denmark, West Germany and Greece and their counterparts at the Arab League, Syria, Sudan and Somalia.

The source noted that agenda of the meeting will be open to all political problems of the Arab and European groups, including the Mideast situation, Palestinian uprising, the Iraq-Iran war, assassination of PLO military leader Abu Jihad and the Israeli latest incursion into south Lebanon.

Al Saleh further stated that the government of South Korea in 1983 allocated \$1,000,000 to Turkey.

## South Korean donation for Palestinian students

DAWOOD Musa Al Saleh, chairman of the council of the international establishment for supporting Arab students, Kuwait Branch, stated that the government of South Korea had donated \$250,000 towards supporting Palestinian students studying in Arab and foreign universities to attain majors in science and technology.

At a ceremony held at the UN premises in New York and attended by a number of Arab and foreign dignitaries the Korean envoy to the UN presented the cheque to the director general of the establishment Dr Ishaq Al Outub. During the ceremony the Korean envoy in a speech expressed solidarity of his government with the Palestinian cause.

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### Gift parcels

THE Postal Administration of Turkey has notified Kuwait's Ministry of Communications that Turkey has established a set fee of DM500 for gift parcels addressed to Turkey.

### OBITUARY



Our loving father  
SRI MOHAN LAL  
KUMAR  
Departed for heavenly abode on  
5-5-1988  
Deeply mourned by sorrowing family

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Jeff Vinten

## TV CORNER

## Pick of the week

Tonight's feature film on KTV 2, *The First Step*, directed by Sheldon Larry. A woman paralysed in an auto accident and a dedicated bio-engineer, who has been experimenting with computerised muscle "brains", team up to make her walk again. Inspired by the 60 minutes profile of Dr Jerry Perno, and one of his patients, Nan Davis. An average film. Duration: 100 minutes.

Sunday night's best-seller, 12 midnight, KTV 2, *Hold the Dream* promises to bring the grit and glamour of big business to the small screen. It is



Huda Hussain presents the nightly Ramadan Quiz on KTV 1.

## KTV 1 weekly highlights

## SUNDAY

2.00 *On Ramsdaa*: a talk on the holy month by Dr Abdullah Shihab and Dr Abdul Suboor Shabir.

4.45 *Sawat Al Sabar*: new daily serial, featuring Suheir Al Mursihi, Magdi Wahba, Hamdi Ahmad, George Seedham.

7.00 *Madinat Al Riyah*: a daily serial for children, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Huda Hussain, Mohammad Jaber.

9.30 *Mussabat Ramadan*: a quiz show hosted by Huda Hussain.

1.00 *Al Amlaq*: Arabic film, starring Adel Adham, Ragha Salahi Saadani, Susan Badr.

MONDAY

2.00 *Zahrat Al Saif*: historical serial, starring Ghaneem Saleh, Suad Abdullah, Ahmad Saleh, Muna Essa, Huda Hamada.

5.30 *Hadith Deen*: religious talk-by-Sheikh Mithaway Al Sharawi.

8.30 *Quran and Sciences*: "Alam Al Bahr," hosted by Dr. Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.

12.50 *Hilm Al Al*: Arabic play, starring Suad Abdul Rahman, Mohammad Hussein, Abdul Raheem, Jalal Kamil.

TUESDAY

From 1.10 to 11 pm, all daily

## This week on KTV 2

## SUNDAY

8.00 *Holy Quran*  
8.10 *The Care Bears: Forest of Misfortune*: Cartoons.

8.30 *Danger Bay*: "The Ultimate Gift". A female vet proves her worth in an emergency, convincing Dr Roberts that she is capable of working under pressure.

9.00 *News in English*  
9.40 *Islamic Horizon*: "The Forty Hadith".

10.00 *Islam and Muslims Around the World*: Muslims in China: A look at the life of Muslims in Turfan, a city in Sinkiang.

10.40 *Flying Doctors*: "Is Nothing Sacred". A woman threatens to take over sacred land belonging to the natives.

11.30 *Together We Stand*: the children learn that helping each other is good. Starring: Elliott Gould, Dee Wallace, Katie O'Neill, Ke Huy Quan, Natasha Bobs, and Scott Grimes.

12.00 *Best-Seller*: "Hold the Dream". Emma Hart is 80. The curtain rises on her eightieth birthday and Emma is surrounded by her family.

1.30 *News Summary*/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## MONDAY

8.00 *Holy Quran*  
8.10 *Wildfire*: cartoon serial

8.30 *The Animal Express*  
9.00 *News in English*

9.40 *Islamic Horizon*: "The Forty Hadith".

10.00 *Understanding Islam*

10.30 *Murder She Wrote*: "Steal Me A Story". A TV station has stolen a story idea from Jessica's book for a serial they are making.

11.30 *Survival*: "Gallapagos". Man Came to Eden.

12.00 *Saber Ya Umm Saber*: daily serial; episode 7.

1.00 *Film Min Kitab*: variety show, presented by Durraya Sharif Uddin.

## TUESDAY

12.05 pm *Noor Al Huda*: Arabic serial, "Lahda Daifa" features Hussain, Abidem, Amin, Rizk and Layla Maher.

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## FRIDAY

10.30 *Children's Magazine*  
12.20 *Min Wah Abi Dulamah*: historical serial, followed by all the daily regular features.

11.00 *Seminar on Islamic Philosophy*: Ja'alonni Muttariba: Arabic play, starring Ahmad Badr, Hassan Mustafa, Mimi Jamal, Sahar Rami.

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

I NEVER met a rich man who was happy, but I have only very occasionally met a poor man who did not want to become a rich man — Malcolm Muggeridge, English writer (1903)

## US bungled Panama policy

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON. (Reuters) — US officials say they are optimistic Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega will step down, but critics contend the American drive to oust him has been badly bungled and will probably backfire even if he does quit.

As a result of intense US economic pressure, Panama — with its strategic canal and key US military bases — may be far less stable — economically and politically in the years ahead, according to Democratic and Republican critics of the Reagan administration's approach.

"Our policy has been wrong, ill-conceived, a gamble at best," former US ambassador Sol Linowitz, a negotiator of the Panama Canal treaties, told reporters.

After two months of growing US economic pressure on Noriega, American officials say a deal under which the 50-year-old general will step down could be within reach.

No final agreement has been made, but the groundwork may have been laid, one administration official told Reuters.

Resign

The Washington Post reported on Friday that the Reagan administration and General Noriega reached tentative agreement that he will resign as head of the Panamanian defence forces.

But Saturday, Noriega denied reaching an agreement to resign during talks in Panama City with Michael Kozak, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs.

"There is no agreement," he told reporters.

Over the past two months, US officials have said repeatedly that Noriega's ouster was imminent only to be proved wrong — to the embarrassment of the White House.

The United States undermined its own strategy. It raised the promise of instant results, the New York Times complained in a caustic editorial last week.

Linowitz said Washington miscalculated, assuming Noriega could be forced out as readily as presidents Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines and Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti.

The difference was that Noriega was in direct control of his country's armed forces, unlike the two deposed dictators. That made it far more difficult to

## Bush looks for political limelight

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON. (Reuters) — With the Republican presidential nomination assured, George Bush's big problem in the months before his party's convention is finding ways to hold the political spotlight.

The US vice-president, whose victory in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary gave him sufficient delegates to assure nomination on the first ballot, acknowledged he faces a delicate balancing act in the runup to the August convention in New Orleans.

"As vice-president, it's important not to upset your boss," says Bush, who intends to campaign actively in remaining primaries even though he is unopposed.

After the primary season winds up with a June 7 California contest, aides say Bush might travel abroad, possibly to Japan and China, to highlight his foreign policy expertise.

"He would like to do a foreign trip but he wants to do a trip which would be official and has some substance to it," Bush campaign spokesman Peter Teeley said.

Attack

Otherwise Bush will concentrate on a strategy for the November election campaign and attacking his Democrat opponents.

"We are not going to let Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis and Rev Jesse Jackson control the playing field in terms of making news at our expense," he said.

Bush tried out some campaign themes during a two-day swing through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana this week, denouncing the Democrats as a party favouring dangerous cuts in defence spending and vast outlays for

## Oppressed people have looked to Egypt

# Historical haven becomes way station for refugees

By Nejla Sammaka

CAIRO. (AP) — Since Biblical times, the oppressed have looked to Egypt for safe haven. Today's refugees, however, simply pass through heading for greener pastures.

Many, denied refugee status under an internationally monitored system, go into hiding out of fear they will be sent home. Mahmoud Abbas, in charge of refugee affairs at the Foreign Ministry, said some turn to crime to support themselves.

Egypt is what the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees calls a "transit country." Cairo's representatives of the UNHCR decide whether applicants for asylum qualify as refugees under the 1951 Geneva Convention. Egypt allows those who do to stay until they're provided permanent homes in the United States, Canada, Australia or elsewhere.

"Cairo is huge, and there is a constant flow of foreigners," said Michel Gauze, an officer at the UNHCR office. "We receive about 10 a week ... mainly Ethiopians.

While such people come as guests of the government, less well-placed refugees are handled according to reservations to the

refugees' convention that Egypt laid down when it signed in 1980.

In general, the reservations deny refugees free education and rationed, heavily subsidised food, restricted to Egypt's constantly growing population of 54 million.

Many of the dispossessed come to escape civil war and persecution at home, mainly Ethiopia, Chad and other sub-Saharan countries. They sneak across the 315-mile-long (504-km) frontier with Sudan to the south, or stow away aboard ships, jumping ship at ports in the Red Sea or the Suez Canal.

In Biblical times, Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus Christ to Egypt after King Herod ordered the slaughter of newborn males in the Jerusalem area.

In this century prominent exiles found refuge in Egypt, including the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi of Iran in 1980 and ousted Sudanese President Gaafar Nimeiri in 1985. The Shah died and was buried in Cairo.

Refugee status is granted to people fleeing political or religious persecution, but not

merely economic hardships.

"The most difficult moment is when I know my decision will immediately affect (an applicant's) fate," said the UNHCR's Gauze. "For example, if I am called to the airport, he might be repatriated (if denied refugee status). If I have a doubt, I decide to keep him."

The Foreign Ministry's Abbas said the government's main problem is not with the official refugees but with aliens living illegally in Egypt.

"Now there are almost 30,000 who have gone underground," He said. "We are after them. They commit crimes, steal, cheat.

"If they are arrested, then we try to find another transit country. Although they have harmed us, we don't send them back to their country of origin."

A senior official of the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for public order, said, however, that the aliens do not pose any threat to security through crime. He said he could not give an estimate of the number of illegal aliens.

St. Andrew's United Church, an Anglican church in central

Cairo, is a favourite gathering place for Ethiopians, some of them accepted as refugees and others waiting for clearance. They sit in the church's courtyard, sunning themselves or reading mystery novels, doing odd jobs or playing football in the recreation room.

Harsh

And they talk of life at home under what they describe as a harsh regime in Addis Ababa, which jails dissenters for long periods and forces them into battles against guerrillas in the northern part of the country.

Gabre Desta said he left Ethiopia because "I was going to be killed."

The Ethiopian authorities suspected him of being a rebel in the northern province of Tigré. He and others turn to the Refugee Ministry at St. Andrew's after rejection by the UNHCR to get help with efforts to legalise their stay and eventually to resettle.

"We continue trying to see if they really need help," said Nelly van Doorn, a Dutch volunteer at the ministry. "They're so scared they lie a lot, but when you hear the truth, it's so much worse."

## Clouds hang over Seoul Olympic Games

By Edward A. Olsen

CALIFORNIA: The 1988 Winter Olympics are history. They were not particularly successful for the United States, but overall the Calgary Olympics portrayed Canada admirably. The sports world's attention now shifts with anticipation toward the summer Olympics in Seoul. More important, the entire world's focus will soon be on the South Korean capital, with some trepidation.

The summer Games are to be held in a nation subject to far greater pressures than Canada.

Most South Koreans relish the prospect of the Olympics. They are eager for the international spotlight to shine on them so that their economic and other accomplishments will receive the credit nationalistic South Koreans feel their due.

If all goes well, Seoul hopes its

Olympics will put the Republic of Korea on the map as a major country and rid it of its outdated image of a war-torn country that was perpetuated unjustifiably by the "M.A.S.H." TV series. Despite these high hopes, however, there are reasons for South Koreans to be uneasy about the Olympics' effect on them.

Three potential clouds hang over the summer Olympics. By far the most ominous is the dark shadow cast by North Korea.

Seoul's selection as an Olympic venue raised questions at the outset, stemming from the wisdom of holding the events in a bitterly divided nation.

Despite hopes that the Games might provide an incentive for North-South Korean cooperation, that has not been realized. Instead, there are ample signs that North Korea may yet try to disrupt the Games. Pyongyang's alleged "involvement" in the November 1987 bombing of a Korean Air Lines plane with heavy loss of life, reinforced that concern. If North Korea cannot be induced to take part in — or not obstruct — the Games, the Seoul Olympics will, at the very least, be far more tense than Calgary's.

The trouble with this expectation is that there is a strong possibility of overkill. A couple of weeks of upbeat descriptions of great South Korean economic successes could easily backfire on Seoul at a time when US-South Korean trade frictions are mounting. Most Americans, who do not hold a solid image of South Korea in their minds, are likely to internalize an excessively positive picture of South Korea as a prosperous economic dynamo.

This could be too much of a good thing for Seoul. Excessive coverage of South Korean prosperity could mesh all too well with the trade rhetoric embodied by the so-called \$48,000 Hyundai. In short, under certain circumstances, South Korea's Olympian imagery shortly before the US elections could become a factor in US politics, much to the consternation of Seoul.

None of these three possibilities are pleasant to contemplate. All make the success of the summer Olympics less predictable. US athletes almost certainly will do better in Seoul than in Calgary. But the prospects for the Games, their impact on South Korea and their influence on the US hold reason for concern.

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As though that very dark cloud were not sufficiently unsettling, Seoul also faces the real prospect of domestic political unrest before, and during, the Olympics. Though South

Korea's new President, Roh Tae Woo, is off to a generally good start, he faces real problems. His conservative cabinet appointments, and smaller-than-anticipated release of political prisoners, has already stimulated his opponents' anger.

Consensus

Despite Roh's positive approach to achieving a greater degree of political consensus within South Korea's contentious body politic, he confronts the prospect of continued opposition, which could become difficult to control.

Coverage at Calgary of Indian land rights protests tarnished slightly the aura of the Winter Olympics, but this was minor compared with the potential for damaging publicity in Seoul. If South Korea's domestic political problems escalate again in the glare of Olympic media coverage, the Games could give South Korea a public relations black eye.

Perversely, the third "dark cloud" is now obscured by the bright atmospheres surrounding the Games. Assuming North Korea is not disruptive, and negative coverage of domestic politics is minimised, Seoul clearly expects to reap a harvest of positive publicity.

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Relationships

At an April 27 sports festival celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Afghan revolution, the seat of honour next to Najibullah was occupied by Simi Dutt, an Indian movie star and member of parliament from Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party.

Dutt later observed that Najibullah "knows how to be president."

Najibullah has portrayed himself as a champion of religion, a change from his predecessors' policy toward the practice of Islam.

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However, his underlings and the government-run news media now refer to him as Najibullah.

The burly Najibullah, a former head of Afghanistan's KGB-style security police, also seems to be seeking a gentler personal image.

Towering over 6 feet (1.8 metres) and often described as a "bear," "bullock" or "ox" of a man, he spoke more softly than he once did. His eyes crinkled with smile wrinkles as he beamed at his listeners.

But reshaping his image will require other efforts. According to Western diplomatic sources, the rate of executions has been increasing at Pul-i-Charkhi prison, a circular complex on the outskirts of Kabul.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "hundreds" of inmates, mostly mujahedeen, have been executed in the last three months. The sources said Pakistani and Iranian prisoners were beaten daily at Pul-i-Charkhi.

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At the same time, leaders of the

SLDP have met with leaders of Sinn Fein, the legal political arm of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA). The IRA wages terrorist violence in its campaign to unite the six counties of Northern Ireland with the 26 counties of the South. SLDP and Sinn Fein are reported to be in search of common ground for their mutual aspirations of a united Ireland.

According to Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, the various parties remain poles apart in their aims and aspirations. But political and religious leaders welcome any possibility of talks. When there is communication, they say, both sides are at least a bit more likely to slowly move from the entrenched attitudes that have made this conflict seem so intractable.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

1703 — British under Duke of Marlborough occupy electorate of Cologne and subsequently take Bonn while Savoy's Prince Eugene conducts campaign in Rhineland and southern Germany.

1777 — US cruiser Surprise captures British ship Prince of Orange in English Channel.

1821 — British African Company is dissolved because of heavy expense, and Sierra Leone, Gambia and Gold Coast are taken over by British government to form British West Africa.

1848 — Polish rebels surrender after Prussian troops crush insurrection in Warsaw.

1915 — Germans sink British liner Lusitania off Irish coast, and more than 1,000 people perish.

1943 — Allied forces take Tunis and Bizerte, and Germans retire to Cap Bon Peninsula in World War II.

1954 — Dien Bien Phu is lost by French forces to North Vietnamese.

1970 — Somalia nationalizes all foreign oil companies and banks.

1971 — United States removes all controls on use of dollars in US transactions with China.

1987 — Austria's President Kurt Waldheim, alleged to have Nazi past, empowers state prosecutor's office to take legal action for slander against head of world Jewish Congress.

## Few understand Northern Ireland's troubles

By Sara Terry

BELFAST: People here sometimes say, only half-jokingly, that if you understand what's wrong with Northern Ireland, there's something wrong with you.

But it is possible in the wake of the latest tragic outbreak of what locals call "the troubles" to see two trends emerging as the latest phase in the conflict. A week of interviews here with political experts, religious leaders, and local citizens reveals:

• An encouraging trend, in which politicians are talking about talking to each other: a significant step in a community marked by attitudes so deeply entrenched that communication between opposing parties often is virtually nonexistent.

In Northern Ireland, most Protestants are committed to remaining part of Britain, and most Catholics are equally devoted to a united Ireland. In part because of the province's recent violence, political parties on both sides of the Northern Ireland divide are taking tentative steps in a search for common ground.

• A discouraging social trend, noted by many observers, including Roman Catholic Bishop Cahal Daly, toward an

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## Liverpool University offers a unique course

## Pop music in a class of its own

By David Thomas

THE month: June. The Scene: The Examination Halls, Liverpool University.

A nervous group of students are awaiting the start of their University Finals.

The invigilator reads out the rules of the examination: "Students are reminded that they may only use the tapes and Walkmen provided by the examiners."

Their own ghetto-blasters and compact-disc systems are strictly forbidden within the confines of this hall and will be confiscated.

They are also reminded that both humming and singing are forbidden as they can distract other examiners.

"Now, put on your headphones. You may begin."

Exam

The students scan down the questions on the exam paper, searching for any easy one with which to begin.

Question One: "Summer-time and the living is easy." Discuss this statement with reference to both economic and climatic conditions.

Questions Two: Compare and contrast these two observations.

(a) "To be or not to be, that is the question" (William Shakespeare).

(b) "Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself" (Dusty Springfield).

Question Three: Why can't I get no satisfaction?

This does not look like ordinary exam questions. But then this will be an ordinary exam.

For next year Liverpool University will be offering its students a unique option — a one-year course in Popular Music.

Vice

As yet the subject is only planned as one part of a music or arts degree. It will not be possible to become a Doctor of Rock, nor a Bachelor of Boogie.

Nevertheless, the course will



Academic exercise or entertainment? Roy Orbison, Dusty Springfield and Little Richard's classics

will be studied by music students at Liverpool University, England.

allow students to make an academic virtue out of a social vice. In the old days, sitting around, playing records and having pretentious conversations about music was what you did when you couldn't face writing your essay on the Foreign Policy of Louis XIV. Now it's a form of revision.

The man responsible for turning Mike Reid's Pop Quiz into a university discipline is David Horn, who is currently a librarian at Exeter University.

Horn, who is 45, neatly describes his tastes as running "from country-blues to Deacon Blue."

Ever since he first heard the Beatles, he has found that music "helps you keep sane when there are conforming pressures all around."

"You could be forgiven for thinking of me as an ageing 'stunty,'" he confesses. But he remains "convinced that popular music is a reasonable subject for academic investigation."

After all, he maintains, the development of blues and jazz was crucial to the history of black America. Even now, music plays a part in the politics of South Africa and Central America.

And, closer to home, the generations that have grown up since the war have been hugely affected by the rock 'n' roll of their youth.

Even the strange brew of musicians, businessmen and hangers-on that make up the contemporary music industry is, he says, worthy of study; "It's a kind of anthropology — like understanding how a remote tribe operates."

That much is true; your average record company executive has quite a lot in common with a head-hunting cannibal. But what of the music itself — surely that can't deserve the attentions of dons and undergraduates?

Liverpool University maintain that it does. Their line, as expressed by the head of their Music Department, Professor Michael Talbot, is that pop is neither better nor worse than classical music. It is simply different.

That also seems fair enough. Beethoven's Ninth may be a bit more sophisticated than Roy Orbison's Pretty Woman, but it's not as much fun at the office Christmas Party. There is a time for the Dying Swan and there's a time for the Funky Chicken.

But the study of pop music is fatally flawed as an academic enterprise. In the first place, the whole point of pop is to escape for convention and authority.

Little Richard did not yell A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop-a-wo-pam-boom because he wanted someone 30 years later to use it as the basis for a Ph.D.

And "Wild thing, you make my heart sing, you make everything ... groovy," is hardly susceptible to indepth poetical investigation. But it's brilliant rock 'n' roll.

## Sterility

The moment that you start to theorise about something as spontaneous as pop, you run the risk of astronomical pretentiousness. And you threaten the music itself with the sort of self-conscious sterility that the study of creative writing has inflicted on the modern novel.

What makes matters worse is that the academics are almost bound to get it wrong. Anyone — be they parent or teacher — who has got to an age where they can be cool and objective about pop has inevitably lost any real connection with and what is going on in the minds and lives of its teenage consumers.

The best thing for the dons to do is stick to the study of dead people. That way they can't get in the way of current creativity.

And if their pet theories are all a load of bunkum, there's no one around who can conveniently point out what really happened.

In the meantime, I think we should be content with the words of a certain Michael Jagger, who once remarked, "I know, it's only rock 'n' roll. But I like it."

NEW YORK: Terence Trent D'Arby dipped into his Wishing Well and turned up at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States.

The hit disc moved up from second place a week ago on the Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Wishing Well — Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia).

2. (1) Where Do Broken Hearts Go — Whitney Houston (Arista).

3. (4) Angel — Aerosmith (Geffen).

4. (6) Anything For You — Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine (Epic).

5. (7) Pink Cadillac — Natalie Cole (EMI-Manhattan).

6. (3) Devil Inside — Inxs (Atlantic).

7. (14) Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car — Billy Ocean (Jive-Arista).

8. (14) Always on my Mind — Pet Shop Boys (EMI-Manhattan).

9. (13) Naughty Girls (Need Love Too) — Samantha Fox (Jive).

10. (10) If My Heart Had Windows — Patti Loveless (MCA).

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16. (1) I'm Gonna Get You — Eddy Raven (RCA).

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## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

Bombay movie Moguls see green and red

## Film industry booms in Bengal

UNLIKE other places in India where the film business is undergoing a big slump, it is booming and growing in West Bengal. A recent visit to Calcutta revealed that people are still crazy about seeing movies at theatres as in the good old days. There are long queues for booking 'and' 'House'. Full boards are not an unusual sight.

The Bengali film *Guru Dakshina*, is breaking all records and speeding towards its 25th silver jubilee week. It has already grossed a billing of rupees two and a half crores. There are 27 prints running, when normally about 6 or 7 are taken out for a regional film. Advance booking remained full for twelve weeks and thereafter too, all the daily shows are running to packed houses. It is making the Bombay movie moguls see green and red, as their new Hindi films are not doing even half of that business.

Other Bengali films like *Amar Sanghi* and *Bou Maas* have also done tremendous business. This has come as a surprise to the film trade all over India except perhaps Bihar, where cinema is also thriving and which actually falls part of the Eastern circuit. Why are the audiences still so big in Bengal and around? There could be many reasons. These are essentially poor regions with thick populations. Not many people own videos or even V.T.S. The video parlour has also not developed as a popular outlet. So, after a hard day's work, people prefer to see their movie fare on the big screen, at times with the family. Moreover, the admission

Tapas Paul and Aparna Sen in a new Bengali film *Daktar Priya*.

rates are not so high and theatres are fairly comfortable as well as centrally located. Lots of concessions are given to Bengali and Bhojpuri films. The West Bengal government has sponsored many movies. Now it has also opened a colour laboratory called Rangayan and a beautiful film complex named Nandan by Satyajit Ray. Bengalis and Biharis also have inculcated a theatre-going habit from the days of the folk arts like the jatra and nautanki. Even now they crowd to see strange dramas, and film stars like Aparna Sen or Soumitra Chatterji regularly act in them.

thrice a week.

The new Bengali films do have some Bombay element, usually a star who is a reject from Hindi films. Vijayeta Pandit stars with Prasenjit (son of Biswajeet) in *Amar Sanghi*. Rameshwari is the heroine of two new releases *Bola Samai* and *Pratipaksha*. Anup Jalota has acted and sung in *Kalasakini Nayika*. And the big attraction in the super hit *Guru Dakshina* is Bappi Lahiri's musical score. The most popular Bengali stars are Ranjit Mullick, Tapas Paul, Satabdi Roy, Chiranjeev, Debashri, Moon Moon and Victor Banerji.

Director Anjan Choudhury who also gave a new life to Bengali cinema with the hit *Shatru* is also the brain behind *Guru Dakshina*. It is a routine musical film, as illogical and gimmicky as a Hindi film. But its drama has the element of revenge and revolt against social tyranny. Surprisingly, the active avenger is an elder character played by Ranjit Mullick, and not the hero Tapas Paul, who remains dumb, as he is under a strange oath given to his teacher that he will not sing. This creates lots of complications in his own house as well as with the rich girl

whom he loves but whose family humiliates him.

Bappi Lahiri has turned away from his disco stuff and has composed typically Bengali music, except for one or two songs. The discs have proved extremely popular. Normally, there is no video piracy of regional films. But for *Guru Dakshina* an official cassette has been issued and the producers' association keeps publishing warnings that action will be taken on those using illegal video tapes.

All this success has led to the launching of several new Bengali films. Studios are humming and the scene looks cheerful. Bombay's Sudha Chandran has been signed for two films, apart from Mousumi Chatterji, Tanuja, Raakhee and others. Asha Bhonsle has recorded songs for Tarun Majumdar's new film *Agomoni*. Another film boards of Kishore Kumar's last song.

## Sensation

The biggest sensation is Mithun starting his own Bengali film. He began his career as a junior actor in Calcutta. Now he is extremely popular there. Producer Shakti Samanta is busy with yet another Hindi-Bengali venture produced from Bombay.

But serious observers of the scene deplore all this activity, as a drift towards the commercial formula of Hindi films and loss of the pristine charm of the province itself, which once created an entire art film movement. Now, Satyajit Ray is not medically fit to work. He only keeps receiving laurels for past works like a title from the French government, an

Bombay star Vijayeta Pandit and Bengal's Prasenjit (left) in the film *Amar Sanghi*.

Ranjit Mullick, the most popular star in W. Bengal.

themselves as they are passed by central government's censor board and the Bengal state has no power over it. So Ursula Andress undressed herself to "house full" in Calcutta.

## Behind the Screen

Poonam Dhillon is sliding down the Hindi film scale. The sure sign is that while his wife acted in language films in the South, her first in Madras is a Kannada film *Yuddha Kand*. Her hero is not Sunny or Anil but Ravichandran of the South.

Amitabh and Timu Anand did not want to carry on the fight for the title *Sach* held by Vinod Pande. So the new name is *Main Azad Hoon* which suits Amit better, as it is hero-oriented, especially since the heroine is Shabana Azmi.

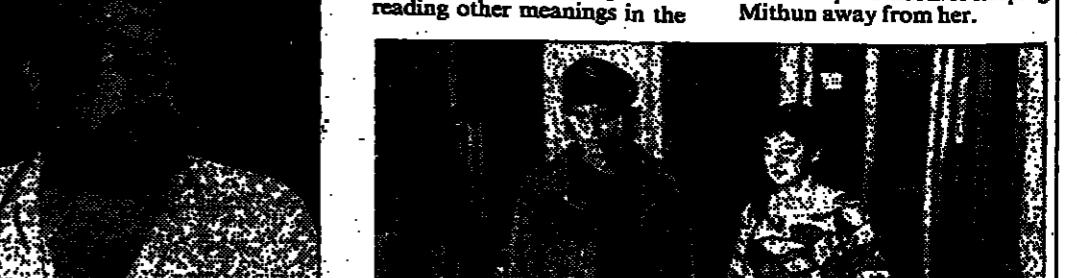
Shashi Kapoor had to show his side of the investment in the Indo-Soviet venture *Ajuba* before the Russians start pouring in their money. But he had no enough backing. So he tried the same expenses by filming two to three songs on the same set by making small changes in it. But what if the Soviet side does not like the production values resulting from such economy. As it is, the Russian co-director has not liked the way the shots were taken in India, to be used in both versions.

Mohsin Khan has a problem

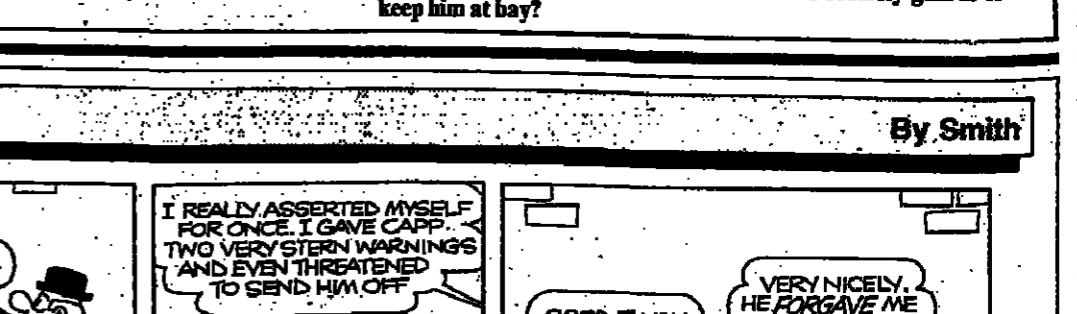


Poonam going downhill

The latest publicity stunt on the TV serial *Ramayana* is another anecdote from some obscure place. It is said that a bride's party arrived by train for marriage and got down at a station. They had to quickly reach the wedding venue. But there were no coolies around to carry the luggage, as they were all watching *Ramayana*. The girl's father went to complain to the station master but he was also watching the serial and asked him to wait. A call to the local police commissioner brought the same result. The girl's father being a government servant at last phoned the railway minister in Delhi. But the reply was the same: "Wait for some time, he is watching the serial *Ramayana*".



Following in Amitabh's footsteps is the female No. 1 Sri Devi. If Amit can have security guards protecting him, Sri must have them too. This is more so after her decision to join Congress-L. But film people are reading other meanings in the



Sri Devi (right) with Mithun. Does she need security guards to keep him at bay?

## ANDY CAPP



By Smith

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: What is a popliteal cyst and how is it treated?

ANSWER: Popliteal cysts are painful, fluid-filled sacs which form where joints come together. Most frequently they occur behind the knee, but are also found in other areas where there are freely movable joints such as the bend of the arm, shoulder, hip and neck.

Usually associated with either joint-destroying diseases (such as arthritis and gout) or injury to the affected area, popliteal cysts are caused when the protective covering around a joint spills out into the space between the tear and the surface skin. In a way it's like a giant blister, only it doesn't go away so easily.

Unlike a blister which eventually dries up, popliteal cysts grow hard and tough, sometimes blocking off the flow of liquid in or out. In most cases, cortisone injected into the joint along with rest will reduce the pain and swelling and lead to a successful cure. If the cyst is persistent or very large, surgery may be required.

QUESTION: My eyelids are red and crusty. What is it and how can it be treated?

## POPLITEAL CYST A PAINFUL, FLUID-FILLED SAC AT A JOINT

ANSWER: Sounds like blepharitis, an inflammation of the edge of the eyelid, usually caused by bacteria. There is often a feeling of something in the eye, such as a speck of dust might provoke. Symptoms include: red, puffy eyelids, sore eye, crusting of skin at the base of eyelashes, recurring redness of eye or eyelid, frequent styes, burning of eyes and the eyelids sticking together in morning. Many people with "dry eyes" have this chronic inflammation of the lid margins. A visit to the physician is important because untreated blepharitis can result in serious complications which eventually may endanger your vision.

Treatment: controls blepharitis. Use warm compresses, wash the eyelid carefully with a cotton-tip applicator, and apply prescribed ointment to the affected area. Warm compresses must be used for a minimum of five minutes to loosen the crusted skin and dirt, which then must be washed away. Avoid letting particles of crust get in the eye and be careful not to strike the eye with the applicator. When you apply the ointment, some of it may get in the eye, but it's usually

all right. Here's one time when following your doctor's advice exactly will most certainly pay off.

ACROSS MY DESK: One of the theories about the causes of diabetes is that it results from the action of your own immune system and is an autoimmune disease. A recent report at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons held in Winnipeg, Canada, by Drs. John Dupre' and Calvin Stiller of the University of Western Ontario, seem to support that theory. In a long-term study of 188 patients within six weeks of their developing the need for insulin, to whom the drug cyclosporin was given, the diabetes was brought under control, and the need for insulin reduced, in a significant number of patients. Cyclosporin is an effective medication used to suppress the action of the immune system and frequently is used in organ transplantation. Although there are many problems with this therapy, including side effects, it provides an avenue of exploration for treating newly developed cases of diabetes in the future.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Pressure is mounting on Wall Street

## US job data may pose rate dilemma for Fed

WASHINGTON, May 6, (Reuter): The Federal Reserve could soon face a dilemma: raise interest rates while financial markets are still jittery, or hold rates and risk its reputation as an inflation-fighter, economists and Fed officials said yesterday.

After a string of statistics showing a surprisingly strong economy, pressure is mounting on Wall Street and among some Fed officials for the Central Bank to make a pre-emptive strike against inflation if today's employment report for April shows a further tightening in the labour market.

American businesses have already hired a million workers this year, and economists estimate that another 250,000 jobs were created last month. Most economists assume that,

barring an exceptionally weak employment report, the Fed will tighten its grip on credit to prevent the economy from overheating.

"It's inevitable that they will do something. The question is how aggressive they will be," said Steve Slifer, an economist with Shearson Hutton Lehman Inc in New York.

A lot rides this election year on how Fed chairman Alan Greenspan will answer that question.

Economists say Greenspan needs to raise short-term interest rates high enough to allay the bond markets' fear of inflation and thus halt the recent rise in long-term interest rates, which are crucial for business investment and housing.

Thirty-year bond yields have risen steadily in recent weeks and

are now around 9.1 per cent, the year's high.

But if Greenspan clamped down on credit too drastically, bank lending rates would rise, consumer spending would be squeezed and the economy, now in its 66th consecutive month of growth, could be headed for a tumble by November's election.

Greenspan is expected to initially raise the important Fed funds rate, the rate on overnight bank loans, to seven per cent or so for the current range of 6-1/2 to 7-1/2.

### Steps

But some Fed staffers say more urgent steps are needed, including a possible increase in the six per cent discount rate, the fee the Fed charges banks for emergency loans.

The Fed raised the Fed funds

rate by about a quarter point in March, but the move was too small to cool the economy, one official said.

Although a discount rate increase is unlikely just yet, the very fact that it is being discussed underscores the Central Bank's concern about inflation, officials said.

### Policy

Chief White House economist and sometime Fed critic Beryl Sprinkel was asked by reporters on Wednesday how he would react to a discount rate increase.

Far from dismissing the idea, Sprinkel said it would not unduly bother him as long as the Fed kept the money supply growing at a moderate pace.

Expectations of tighter monetary policy have been fuelled by fighting talk recently from Fed

officials, who insisted that current inflation of 3-1/2 to four per cent is too high.

Officials do not fear runaway inflation, but they worry that prices will creep up insidiously and get built into the economy's wage and cost structure. By that time, it would be too late to get the inflation genie back in the bottle.

### Survey

With many industries running flat out to meet booming export orders as well as a rebound in domestic consumer spending since October's stock market crash, evidence is piling in that firms are using the opportunity to raise prices.

A nationwide Fed survey of business conditions, released on Wednesday, said respondents were "concerned about higher

materials prices, especially for steel, paper, plastics and aluminum."

While a rise in the psychologically important discount rate might dampen inflation, the Fed may be acutely aware that the last rise in the rate, on September 4, was cited as a reason for the stock market crash.

It would be hard to make Greenspan uneasy, said David Jones, of Arthur S. Latson and Company Inc, moreover, an increase carries "excess political baggage" in an election year.

All six Fed board members were appointed by President Reagan.

Consequently, Jones expects the Fed to play safe and opt for a series of modest tightening steps instead of an abrupt discount rate rise.

## World Business Summary

### US to borrow \$26b to boost public funds

WASHINGTON, May 6, (AP): The Treasury Department announced on Wednesday it will borrow \$26 billion to replenish government coffers next week, down 3.7 per cent from the borrowing needs in the first three months of the year. The lower borrowing resulted in part from efforts by foreign governments to prop up the value of the dollar by making heavy purchases of US securities in recent months. Treasury has been able to reduce its public borrowing demands because of the large volume of securities sold to foreign central banks, which have been selling their Japanese yen, German marks and other foreign currencies to buy dollars as a way of stabilising the dollar's value. The foreign governments then used their newly-purchased dollars to buy US Treasury securities.

At a briefing on Wednesday, William Bremner, deputy assistant secretary for Federal Finance, told reporters that the purchases by foreign capital banks totalled \$12 billion from October through December last year and 16.5 billion from January through March this year. The heavy purchases of US debt by foreign governments have raised concerns about the growing influence US allies have over the US economy. If they suddenly curb their purchases of US debt, it could send interest rates up sharply in this country.

The announcement that \$26 billion in new debt would be sold next week was in line with market expectations. The auctions, known as quarterly refundings, provide the main source by which the government finances the \$2.5-trillion national debt.

### Weather hits Pakistan's growth rate but higher targets set

ISLAMABAD, May 6, (Reuter): Weather has kept Pakistan from its economic growth targets for the second year running but government experts, hoping for a better future, have set higher targets for the next fiscal year. The country's gross domestic product (GDP) for fiscal 1987/88 ending on June 30 is likely to increase by 5.8 per cent, less than a target of 6.2 per cent, the government said in a statement yesterday. A committee of senior government economists blamed the shortfall mainly on a prolonged drought hit crops. It said it hoped agriculture would fare better in the future and set a GDP growth target of 6.5 to 7.0 per cent for 1988/89, the first year of Pakistan's seventh five-year development plan due to be launched on July 1. The 5.8 per cent growth for 1987/88 was a significant improvement on a 5.2 per cent growth estimate made only last month ahead of a World Bank-sponsored meeting of Pakistan's foreign aid donors in Paris. It is also higher than the 1986/87 growth of 5.6 per cent, which was short of a target of 6.8 per cent, mainly because of damage to crops by untimely rains. Weather again interrupted growth as the drought damaged wheat, rice, maize and gram crops. It led to significant production shortfalls necessitating imports to replenish stocks and enhance domestic availabilities.

Participating in the fair are 850 exhibitors from 31 countries.

### Chissano

#### opens 28th

#### Zimbabwe fair

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, May 6, (AP): President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique yesterday opened the 28th Zimbabwe international trade fair with an attack on neighbouring South Africa for forcing black-ruled states into "perpetual dependence."

Participating in the fair are 850 exhibitors from 31 countries.

### Chissano

#### flanked by Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe

#### in the second city of Bulawayo

#### said Pretoria's policy of destabilisation in the region was aimed at preventing the black nations from becoming economically self-reliant.

#### Capacity

He said that the international adjustment process is working, as evidenced by the slowdown in US domestic demand growth. It was only 1.8 per cent last quarter, which should lead to restrained imports and further improvement in the trade deficit, he said. Domestic demand must stay at moderate rates of growth in the period ahead.

#### Stability

"Without peace and stability there can be no development," he told thousands of cheering people.

Chissano also paid tribute to Zimbabwe, his country's staunchest African ally, for sending troops to Mozambique to protect trade routes and an oil pipeline.

### British Aerospace gets clearance to buy Rover

LONDON, May 6, (AP): The government today cleared British Aerospace Plc's proposed £150-million (\$281-million) acquisition of the state-owned automobile Rover Group Plc.

The Department of Trade and Industry said it would not refer the planned takeover to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission effectively clearing the way for the merger's completion.

Following a routine review, the trade department's office of Fair Trading said it lacked any grounds to submit the merger for further review.

Trade Secretary Lord Younger in March announced British Aerospace's intentions to buy the government's 99.7 per cent stake in Rover. The remainder was owned by minority shareholders.

### Grisanti hopes Opec will reach accord to shore up oil prices

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 6, (AP): Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti expressed hope that Saudi Arabia and other Gulf oil producers would change their "inflexible stand" and give way to an agreement to push up oil prices. "We wish those (Opec) countries that kept adamant at the recent Vienna meeting will change (their position) and contribute to the recovering of oil prices," he said on Wednesday after conferring with President Jaime Lusinchi. Opec's ordinary assembly will take place in Vienna early next month where a proposal by six independent oil producers is expected to be the main point of discussion. Mexico, Angola, China, Malaysia, Egypt and Oman proposed the organisation cut its production by 5 per cent to stabilise prices between \$18 and \$20 a barrel. Saudi Arabia reportedly led the opposition to the proposal. Venezuela promoted the move by the independent group. The proposed cooperation between non-Opec and the organisation allegedly would have led to a new alliance of oil producers. "Despite our efforts, we could not reach an agreement. But it is only four weeks for the next meeting and we are confident that those inflexible countries will change their stand," Hernandez said.

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## Opec boosts oil output

LONDON, May 6, (Reuter): Opec boosted oil production sharply in April, even as it met with seven producers from outside the organisation in a bid to agree export cuts to buoy prices, oil industry sources say.

Oil traders, market analysis company executives and shipping sources in the Middle East, Europe, Asia and Latin America told Reuter correspondents that Opec production rose to around 18 million barrels a day in April, up from an estimated 17.4 million barrels daily in March.

Those figures are well above the 15.06 million barrels a day ceiling Opec members, excluding Iraq, agreed last December in an attempt to enforce their reference price of \$18 a barrel. Brent crude oil from the North Sea, a benchmark for the world market, now trades just above \$16.

### Increase

Industry sources say most of April's increase came from Saudi Arabia, the biggest producer in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), with Iran and the UAE also pumping more.

Industry analysts have said they believe Opec's talks with seven non-Opec producers — Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico and Oman — failed because of Saudi Arabia's determination to maintain the organisation's dominance of world markets.

### Down

The industry sources say Saudi Arabia pumped an average of 4.5 million barrels a day in April, up from 4.1 million in March.

Iran's production rose an estimated 100,000 barrels daily

## Bank runs out of cash

BEIJING, May 6, (Reuter): A Beijing man who went to get cash from his bank account was told he would have to wait until others made a deposit because the bank was out of money.

The Economic Daily today printed a letter from the angry customer describing his long wait at the bank. He said another customer who needed money to pay for a member of his family to go to hospital also had to go without cash.

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## LONDON

(London Stock Exchange)

Prices at the time of going to Press

NAME LAST 197/0

INCHCAPE 688/0

JAGUAR 274/0

LABBROKE 404/0

LAND SEC'S 555/0

LAPORTE 410/0

LASMO 410/0

NAME LAST 270/0

LEGAL-GEN 270/0

ABBIE LFE 268/0

LORNIK 210/0

ALD LTD 125/0

LUCAS IND 537/0

600 GROUP 104/0 104/0

A.B.ELECT 405/0 405/0

ALD LYONS 406/0

MAGNET 250/0

ANSTRAD 172/0

MARKS-SP 169/0

ARGYLL GP 189/0

MANNELL C 226/0

AARONSON 122/0 123/0

ASDA GP 160/0

BAA 269/0

MEPC 532/0

NOMAD 409/0

NAME LAST 270/0

PEPSICO 409/0

REED 414/0

APV PLC 118/0 118/0

AGOLAS-A 94/0 95/0

ARYAN ENY 72/0 72/0

CLYDE PET 137/0 138/0

CHRODE HP 69/0 69/0

CHTRL SEC 48/0 48/0

COALITE 312/0 311/0

COATES BR 326/0 328/0

COLLINS A 467/0 468/0

COLLINS W 570/0 565/0

COLOROLL 180/0 180/0

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COATS VIVY 243/0 243/0

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TIME PROD 190/0 191/0

LIT 29/0 29/0

TOMKINS F 244/0 247/0

TRIPLEX 181/0 182/0

TRIMWOOD G 32/0 32/0

TRIMWOOD W 12/0 12/0

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

New York - Moody's Investors Service Inc said it affirmed Pkbanken's top flight debt ratings. The bank's long-term deposit obligations were affirmed at AAA and short-term deposits and commercial paper at prime-1. (RTWL 1727)

## Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
EDN 7-5/8 3/8	7-7/8 13/16	8-3/8 1/4
FFT 3.25/30	3.40/45	3.45/50
PAR 7-1/8 7-1/4	7-3/4 7/8	8-8-1/8
ZUR 1-3/8 1-5/8	1-7/8 2-1/8	2-2-1/4
BKK 4.85	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
RON 9-5/8 10-1/8	10-1/8 10-5/8	10-5/8 10-7/8
ANS 4-1/8 4-1/4	4.0 4-1/16	4.0 4-1/8
TOK 3.4375 5000	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9575
EDU 5.75 5-87	6.00 6.12	6.31 6.43

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6.5/16	6.13/16
3 months	5.15/16	6.7/16
6 months	5.3/4	6.3/16
1 year	5.11/16	6.1/8

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday.

## AMMAN

As of 4/5/88	OPEN	CLOSE	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.75
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.19	1.17	JOR LIM BRICK	0.20	0.21
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.82	1.82	JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB BANK	115.0	114.5	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.50	2.47
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.90	3.90	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.96	4.00
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.33	1.33	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.55	0.56
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.05	JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.75	0.74
ARAB INT'L/TRADE	0.98	0.98	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.58	2.63
ARAB INTER.INS	0.94	0.90	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.14	1.13
ARAB INTER.HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR WORSTED MILL	4.57	4.57
ARAB INVEST/BR	2.10	2.10	JOR. KUWAIT AGR.	1.00	1.00
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.33	0.36	JOR. PETROLEUM REF.	7.07	7.08
ARAB PHARMA/NAF.	1.99	2.00	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
ARAB PHARMA/CHM.	0.76	0.75	JOR. INV.FIN.CORP.	1.88	1.88
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.30
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	15.00	15.10	JORDAN DAIRY	0.97	0.99
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.16	1.15
BELGUM INSURANCE	30.00	30.00	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	0.36	0.38	JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.67	1.67
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.42	1.42	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.45
DAR ALDAWA DIV/INV.	0.40	0.41	JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.50	0.50	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.76
FINANCE/CREDIT/CDR	4.10	3.95	MACH/EGU/RENT/NAIM	0.75	0.74
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	2.39	2.63	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.25	1.26	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.22	1.22	HIDDEN EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
HIMMER MINERALS	0.79	0.79	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
HOLD. IND.JNS	1.20	1.32	MUT.FIN.INVEST CO.	1.80	1.80
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.60	0.60	NATIONAL CABEL/WIRE/MF	0.96	0.96
INDSTR DEV/PLT BNK	1.40	1.41	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.29	1.25
INDSTR/COMP/AGR.	1.29	1.29	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68	0.70
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL STEEL	2.83	2.82
INTERW.COM/INV.	0.19	0.20	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
IRIBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96	PETRA BANK	2.00	1.95
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.89	0.89
INTERMED/PTI/CH	1.22	1.27	RAFTA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75	0.75	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39	0.37
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	SHIPPING LINES	0.78	0.78
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	13.60	SPINNING WEAVING	0.74	0.74
JOY CERAMIC FACTOR	1.04	1.04	THE HOUSING BANK	1.71	1.71
JOR EAGLE INS.	1.65	1.64	UNITED INSURANCE	1.00	1.00
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.45	1.46	UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND.	1.50	1.50
JOR FINANCE-HOUSE	1.20	1.17	UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.92	0.91	YARMOUK INSURANCE	0.85	0.81
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.06	1.07
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.41	1.51			
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20			

## KUWAIT

As of 4/5/88	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
BANK SECTOR	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.860	1000000	3
-NATIONAL BANK	0.350	0.340	0.345	0.340	790000	32
-COMMERCIAL BS	0.250	0.244	0.248	0.244	380000	14
-ALI BANK	0.285	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-B.K.M.E.	0.305	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.R.E.B.	0.370	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-BURGAN BANK	0.240	0.240	0.258	0.240	260000	10
-K.F.HOUSE	0.410	0.410	0.405	0.405	520000	16
INVESTMENT SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KMT INV. CO.	0.200	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.I.I.	0.158	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-CON.FACILITIES	0.460	0.445	0.460	0.445	90000	6
-I.F.A.	0.104	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-INV. PEARL KUT	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	300000	4

FOLLOWING are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday.

Buying	Selling
US dollar	.27318 .27464
Sgt	.50893 .51248
D.M.	.16265 .16382
S. fr.	.19534 .19681
F. fr.	.04782 .04824
It. lira	.0002184 .0002203
Jap. yen	.0021881 .0022051
Bh. dinar	.72451 .72878
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Golden Investors	
USD 5.75%	
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## Bahrain bank reports large 1987 loss

BAHRAIN, May 6. (Reuters) - Al Ahli Commercial Bank, Bahrain's third largest domestic bank, declared a net 1987 loss of \$6 million dinars (\$15 million) after setting aside heavy loan loss provisions.

The loss was equal to more than a quarter of the bank's capital and reserves which totalled 20.5 million dinars (\$55 million) at the end of 1986.

"It was definitely a bad year," general manager Gregory Krikorian told Reuters on Wednesday.

"We felt why not face the reality of the market and take as many provisions as we can and

## Islamic banks plan \$300m investment fund

ABU DHABI, May 6, (Reuters): Islamic banks in the Gulf are planning a \$300 million fund for investment in Islamic states, a senior banking official said.

A committee has been studying steps to set up the fund, proposed by Dubai Islamic Bank, the bank's chairman Saeed Ahmed Lootah told Reuters.

"We have finalised a study that is only awaiting approval by the Gulf branch of the International Islamic Bank's Union," he said.

Lootah heads the Gulf section of the union, which groups more than 50 banks in Islamic states.

**Capital**

He said the fund's capital had been initially set at \$300 million but could be raised depending on subscriptions.

There would be 1,000 shares worth \$300,000 and subscription would be limited to Islamic banks and monetary institutions in Islamic nations.

Bankers expect the fund to be based in Kuwait or the UAE, although no final decision has been taken.

Lootah said business would be carried out in accordance with Islamic sharia, which ban any sort of interest.

He said business would cover the buying and selling of Islamic bank bonds and money certificates.

## South and N. Yemen to start joint oil exploration

ADEN, May 6, (Reuters): South and North Yemen have agreed on a joint exploration for oil in their border region following a South Yemeni leader's visit to Sanaa, newspapers reported yesterday.

Ali Salem Al Baidh, secretary-general of the ruling Marxist Socialist party, returned home on Wednesday after signing agreements with North Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh, aimed at uniting the states.

Oil in commercial quantities was discovered in both Yemens in recent years. North Yemen's oilfields at Ma'rib are only 200 km (125 miles) away from the South's Shabwa fields.

## Third World debt can still evoke gloom

LONDON, May 6, (Reuters): Soothing noises have been heard lately about the Third World's \$1.2 trillion of debt but optimism about solutions is not universal.

One leading banker, Bank of Tokyo chairman, Yusuke Kashiwagi, says he thinks the debt crisis is far from resolved, six years after Mexico's near-default shook the world economy.

"It appears to me that this issue will probably be coming to a critical head in the coming months, unless something is done about it soon," he told a London audience recently.

His view contrasted with the mood earlier in April, after meetings in Washington of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

### Momentum

"There's a real sense of momentum," said senior World Bank official David Hopper after those discussions.

Recent months saw a cash injection to the World Bank of \$75 billion, and an accord by wealthy nations to triple the pool of money available on easy terms to the poorest African countries, among other new measures to alleviate the crisis.

Meanwhile, Western banks have in the past year set aside huge sums from their profits to provide against potential bad debts, bringing into open debate the once-heretical idea that — since much Third World borrowing probably will never be repaid anyway — it might as well be quietly written off.

### Proposals

US Treasury Secretary James Baker, however, has criticised proposals to forgive the Third World its debts.

"I believe that path leads both debtors and creditors off the cliff," he says.

Forgiving at least some of the debt, some bankers and economists argue, might ease the short-term burden of the present crisis, in which the Third World is spending almost \$30 billion more on servicing its debt each year than it gets in new loans.

But wiping off the debt would scarcely improve developing nations' credit-worthiness.

### Challenge

The real challenge is increasingly seen as being how to pump more, big money into the Third World to get its recession-hit economies moving again while also helping it settle past debt — rather than merely getting the banks' money back or finding ways to write down bad loans on the balance sheets.

## Dollar rises and gold steady

LONDON, May 6, (AP): The US dollar opened higher against most foreign currencies in moderate European trading today following a technical rally in New York overnight. Gold prices were little changed.

Foreign exchange dealers said the market was waiting for US unemployment figures for April, scheduled to be released later today. Analysts expect the jobless rate to be roughly unchanged at 5.6 per cent.

In Tokyo, where trading ends as Europe's business day begins, the dollar closed at 124.88 yen following a three-day market holiday. Later, in London, it was quoted at 124.75 yen compared with 124.32 late Thursday.

Other dollar rates at midmorning, compared with late Thursday:

— 1.6798 West German marks, up from 1.6780

— 1.4007 Swiss francs, up from 1.3955

— 5.7190 French francs, up from 5.7052

— 1.8832 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8790

— 1.253.90 Italian lire, up from 1.253.25

— 1.2325 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2333

In London, one British pound cost \$1.8665, unchanged from late Thursday.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$446 a troy ounce, little changed from late Thursday.

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— The index opened at 10.1 points, or 0.6 per cent, at 1,799.6, about 12:45 p.m. (1145 GMT), just shy of the psychologically important 1,800-point level.

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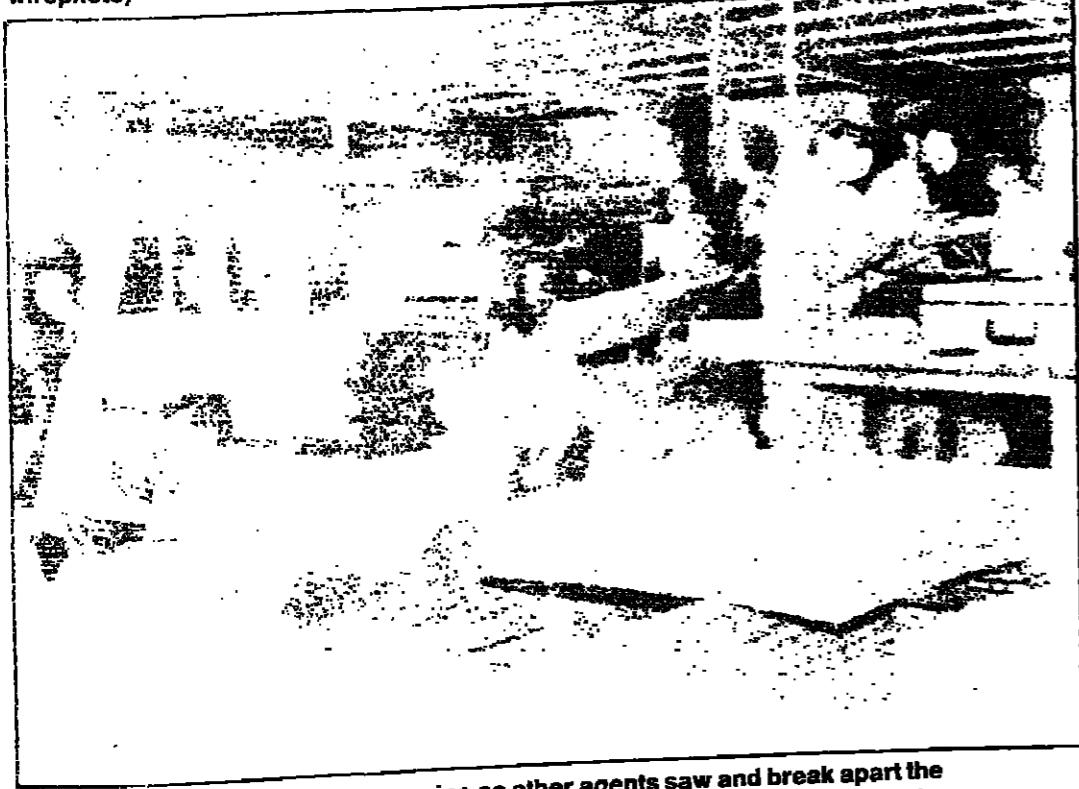
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The world at a glance

A JAPANESE corporation announced yesterday that it has developed a new prototype robot for automated plant factories of the future where advanced electronics and biotechnology will be used to grow flowers and vegetables in clean rooms. (Reuter wirephoto)



A YOUNG schoolgirl cries in fear inside her elementary school near Wednesday's chemical rocket fuel explosion that leveled several nearby blocks just southeast of Las Vegas. The Pacific Engineering Company and a marshmallow company were leveled and officials say one person has died as a result of the explosion. (Reuter wirephoto)



DRUG agents (right) weigh the cocaine as other agents saw and break apart the lumber found in this Tarpon Springs, Florida, warehouse last week. The agents use surgical masks to protect them against the sawdust. Some 3,500 kilos of cocaine have been found inside the lumber. It is expected to be the largest cocaine bust in US history. (Reuter wirephoto)



UNDATED file photo of Wilfredo Lehner, a Swiss national who was kidnapped with several other foreign diplomats and journalists on Monday. Three more journalists were kidnapped in Bogota on Thursday by gunmen from the pro-Cuban National Liberation Army, bringing the total number of hostages to at least 14. (Reuter wirephoto)



QUEEN Noor of Jordan opens the exhibition 'Road of Kings — 9,000 years history of Jordan' in the Schallaburg castle, about 90 kilometres from Vienna on Thursday. Queen Noor chats with children dressed in typical Wachau dress before they play a musical number at the exhibition. (Reuter wirephoto)



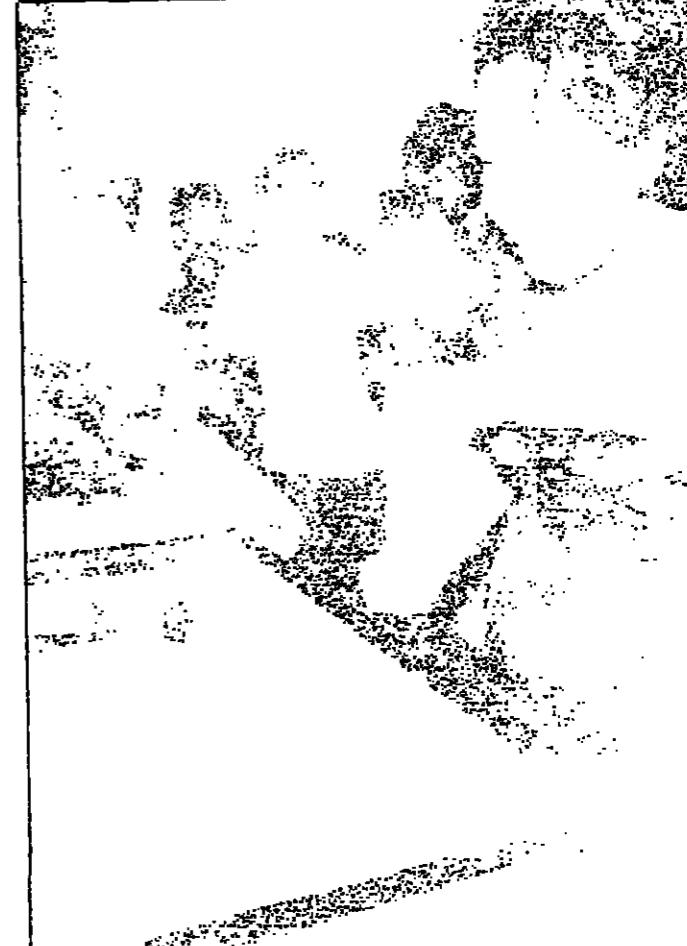
STRIKERS at the besieged Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, sleep in a cafeteria during the fourth day of the strike. (Reuter wirephoto)



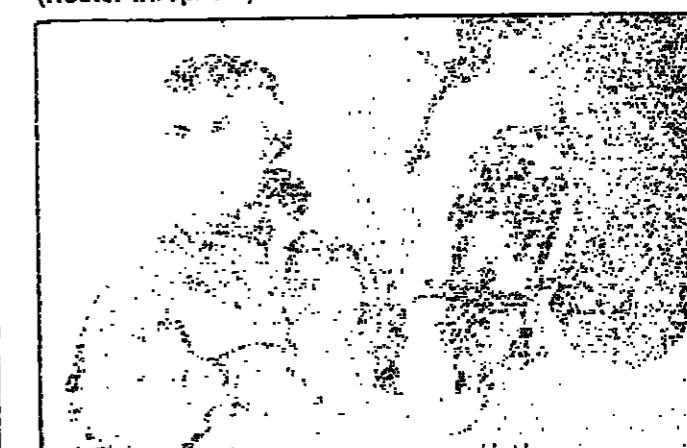
FRENCH journalist and former hostage Jean Paul Kauffmann puts his arm around his son Alexandre a moment after his arrival at Villacoublay airbase outside Paris. Three French hostages who were released yesterday in West Beirut after three years of captivity arrived in Paris on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



STRIKERS at the besieged Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, sleep in a cafeteria during the fourth day of the strike. (Reuter wirephoto)



A WOMAN weeps while viewing on Thursday the body of Dona Josefina Edralin Marcos, mother of deposed Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, who died of multiple organ failure. President Aquino barred Marcos from attending his mother's funeral citing national security reasons. (Reuter wirephoto)



TRAINER Wayne Lukas relaxes with his filly 'Winning Colors', one of the favourites in the 114th running of the Kentucky Derby. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## SPORTS

Ban on English soccer clubs set to remain

LONDON, May 6. (Reuter): The ban on English soccer clubs playing in Europe could remain in force next season because the British government is not ready to reassure the European Football Union (UEFA) that they are winning the battle against hooliganism.

British Sports Minister, Colin Moynihan and UEFA president Jacques Georges, are due to meet at Wembley after the Football Association (FA) Cup final on May 14.

But a government spokesman said yesterday that Moynihan would not present a full report to UEFA on the success of anti-hooligan measures in England until after the European Championships in West Germany in June.

The spokesman said: "He will put forward all the information he has — and that includes some good progress and also some not so good."

## Progress

Moynihan is thought likely to tell Georges of the problems still confronting the government when the pair meet.

He said on Wednesday that "great progress has been made" in the war against domestic hooliganism but also conceded that the government was still not satisfied all necessary preventive steps had been taken.

"Many clubs have made determined efforts but some have been very slow," he said.

Georges has insisted that the government must accept responsibility for clubs playing abroad.

"If not, it is very likely that the countries in which the teams want to play will not accept it either."

UEFA's decision on whether to lift the ban is expected at the end of the European Championships.

## Italian Cup

GENOA, Italy, May 6. (Reuter): West German midfielder Hans-Peter Briegel scored with a powerful, close-range volley to help put Sampdoria on top in the Italian Cup soccer final yesterday.

Briegel struck in the 10th minute and Sampdoria won the first leg against Torino 2-0. They travel to Turin for the second leg on May 19.

LOSADA SCORES TWO IN UEFA CUP FINAL

## Espanol rout Leverkusen in 1st leg

BARCELONA, Spain, May 6. (Reuter): Sebastian Losada scored two brilliant goals as Espanol of Spain crushed West Germany's Bayer Leverkusen 3-0 in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final on Wednesday.

Losada struck after 45 and 57 minutes as the unsung Catalan team enjoyed a 12-minute purple patch. Miguel Soler hitting their third goal in the 48th minute.

## Advantage

Espanol's unexpectedly convincing victory gives them a handsome advantage to protect when they travel to Leverkusen for the return leg on May 18 and left the West Germans bitterly regretting a series of squandered chances.

Leverkusen, who came close to scoring in the opening minute, broke the deadlock in the last minute of the first half when he headed Soler's pass beyond Leverkusen goalkeeper Rudiger Vollborn.

The goal came barely two minutes after an effort by Diego Orejuela had been disallowed for offside and it led to the collapse



Leverkusen's midfielder Goetz (on the ground) tries to retain possession of the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

of Leverkusen's hopes of frustrating the Espanol attack.

Soler, who worked tirelessly

on the wing where he constantly extended the defence with his penetrating runs, was rewarded with the second goal three minutes after the interval.

Losada shot from close range and ball cannoned off a wall of Leverkusen defenders. Soler made no mistake with the rebound.

Losada snatched Espanol's third nine minutes later. He divided full stretch to head a perfectly-timed low pass from Ernesto Valverde past Vollborn.

"It's a good enough advantage for us to win the Cup," said Losada, on loan from Spanish champions Real Madrid.

Bayer had reacted gamely after conceding the second goal and came close to scoring when Taueber sent a shot skimming over the bar, but their play became ragged and showed clear signs of desperation.

Taueber was shown a yellow card minutes after Losada's second goal for a foul, committing

## A's extend winning streak to 11 games

NEW YORK, May 6. (AP): Sometimes winning 11 straight can be a struggle. Just ask Oakland manager Tony La Russa.

Mark McGwire's one-out single in the seventh inning scored Carney Lansford to put Oakland ahead and the Athletics extended

their winning streak to 11 games yesterday with an 8-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"We have definitely played better. We haven't played any harder. Sometimes it's struggle and this was a struggle," La Russa said.

Eric Plunk, 3-1, was the winning pitcher in relief. The American League West-leading A's won for the 15th time in 16 games and matched the Oakland club record, set in 1981, with the winning streak.

**Brewers 8, Rangers 1**

Greg Brock's triple keyed a four-run first inning and Bill Wegman pitched a four-hitter as Milwaukee won its sixth straight game, defeating Texas 9-1.

Milwaukee's Glenn Bragg added a three-run homer in the fifth off loser Bobby Witt, 0-5, who walked five batters in 5 1/3

innings to increase his American League-leading total to 35.

**Red Sox 16, White Sox 3**

Todd Benzinger and Dwight Evans each had four hits and four runs batted in as Boston ended a four-game losing streak.

After scoring only five runs in four games, the Red Sox broke out of the slump with 11 hits and nine runs in the first three innings against starter Rick Horton, 3-4, and reliever Jose Segura.

**Yankees 5, Royals 3**

Alan Trammell singled in three consecutive innings including a two-run hit in the fourth, as Detroit beat California 8-5.

**Tigers 8, Angels 5**

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**Expos 4, Braves 1**

Graig Nettles' run-scoring pinch single broke a seven-inning tie and Mike Fitzgerald hit a two-run homer as the Montreal Expos beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1.

**Mariners 7, Indians 2**

Alvin Davis drove in five runs with a Grand Slam and a single as Seattle beat Cleveland 7-2 to send the Indians to their fifth loss in six games.

After two out in the Seattle

two-base error by right fielder Dale Murphy.

**Red Sox 16, White Sox 3**

In the eighth, Andres Galarraga singled with two out off reliever Jim Acker and Fitzgerald followed with his first home run.

Bryn Smith, 1-2, went seven innings from the Expos, allowing five hits. Andy McGaughan pitched 1-2-3 innings and Jeff Barrett got the last out for his first save.

**Reds 10, Phillies 4**

Eric Davis hit a two-run homer and drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning single, leading Cincinnati past Philadelphia 10-4 last night.

Davis doubled and hit a two-run homer, his fourth in eight career at-bats against Phillies

starter Don Carman, to help the Reds take a 4-3 lead after six innings. He sparked a four-run rally in the seventh after the Phillies had tied the score on Phil Bradley's triple off reliever Jose Rijo, 4-1.

**Barry Larkin started the Reds'**

game-winning rally with a single off the left knee of reliever Bill Dawley, 0-2, who had to leave the game.

With the score 1-1, Nettles singled off Rick Mahler, 0-4, with two out to score Mitch Webster from third. Webster was running for Jeff Reed, who reached on a

ted more in frustration than anger, on defender Job Sanchez. Espanol responded by slowing down the pace of the game, breaking up Leverkusen's attacks and keeping possession.

Led by Brazilian striker Tita, the West Germans pressed forward in several late frantic attacks, but to no avail as the Espanol defence held firm.

**Teams:**

**Espanol** — Thomas N'Kono, Jose 'Job' Sanchez, Jose Maria Gallart, Miguel Angel, Santiago Urianga, Miguel Soler, Inaki Perez, Diego Orejuela (Juan Golobart 66), Ernesto Valverde, Pichi Alonso (John Lauridsen 70), Sebastian Losada.

**Bayer Leverkusen** — Ruediger Vollborn, Klaus Taueber, Pierre de Kayser, Florian Hinterberger, Alois Reinhardt, Wolfgang Roff, Ralf Falkenmayer (Knut Reinhardt 75), Tita, Andrezej Buncic, Herbert, Cha Bum-Kun (Falko Goetz 18).

**Ended:**

**Archibald and Ardiles**

## Archibald and Ardiles battle against injury

LONDON, May 6. (Reuter): Ossie Ardiles was a star member of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning side and Steve Archibald played in Barcelona's 1985 Spanish championship team.

Millwall will receive the Second Division trophy plus a cheque for £25,000 (\$46,750) before the kick-off and their south London neighbours Palace will be hoping they celebrate with a win.

Palace manager Steve Coppell is worried, however, that victory for his team over Manchester City is far from a formality. Palace won 3-1 at Maine Road back in December in a rugged match that saw City keeper Eric Nixon sent off and Palace striker Mark Bright break his arm.

"Everyone is talking about Millwall beating Blackburn but we've got a grudge match on our hands," said Coppell. "We've got to be careful we are not left with egg on our faces by City."

Middlesbrough can make sure of automatic promotion to the First Division if they beat Leicester at home. If they slipped up, Aston Villa, at Swindon, and Bradford, at home to Ipswich, could steal second place.

## Short

With Liverpool assured of the League title, first-division interest tomorrow will be focused on Stamford Bridge where Chelsea need nothing short of victory against Charlton to avoid going through the trauma of the play-offs to retain their top-flight status.

Chelsea will be without their playmaker Mickey Hazard, who has injuries to both his ankles which are likely to keep him out of any play-offs as well.

## Forest edge past Norwich

LONDON, May 6. (Reuter): First-half goals by England international Neil Webb and Lee Glover earned Nottingham Forest a 2-0 win over Norwich on Wednesday and kept alive their slim hopes of finishing runners-up to English champions Liverpool.

The victory was Forest's first in five matches and took them into third place in the First Division four points behind Manchester United.

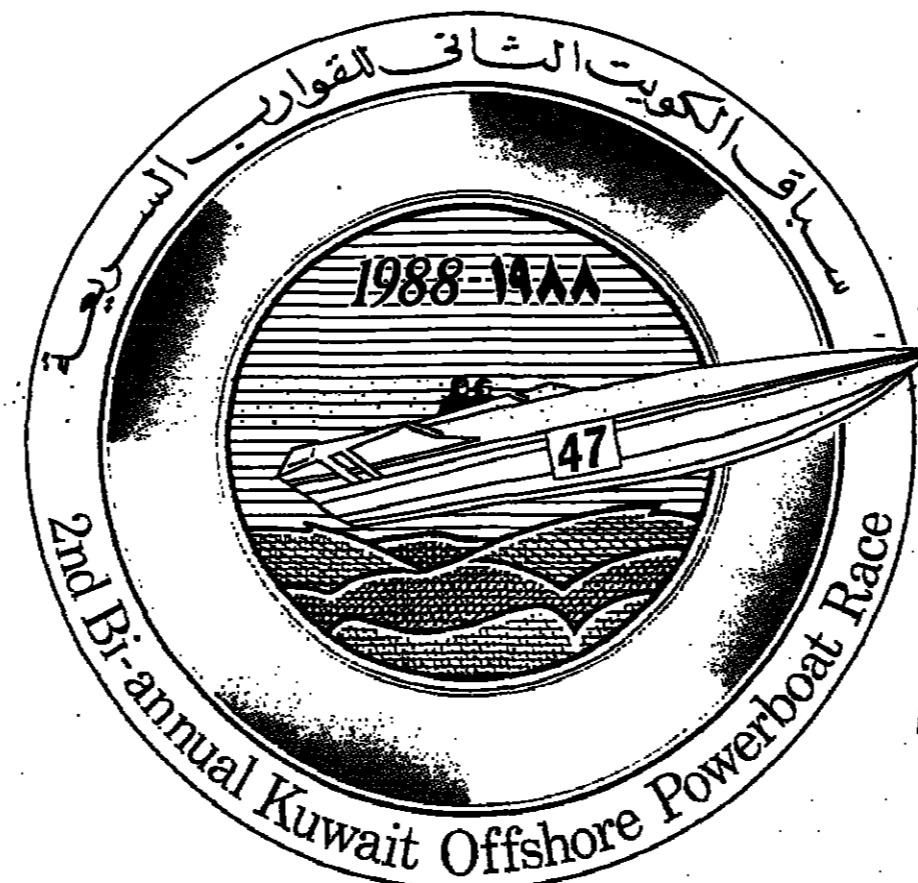
Webb gave Forest the lead in the eighth minute with a crisp, right-foot shot. Glover's goal, deflected in off defender Ian Culverhouse, followed in the 41st minute.

Tottenham completed a dismal season by their own high standards with a scrappy 2-1 win over League Cup winners Luton, who had several key players missing because of injury.

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## SPORTS

PERNFS REACHES QUARTERFINALS

## Edberg struggles to edge Muster

NEW YORK, May 6. (Reuters): Top seed Stefan Edberg would rather be in Europe but guaranteed himself another day in New York with a victory over Austrian Thomas Muster at the Tournament of Champions yesterday.

The Swedish-born Edberg, who lives in London, counter-punched his way into the quarterfinals with a 6-4 6-3 win over the hard-hitting 16th-seed in a match delayed by rain and played in an intermittent drizzle.

Spice

Edberg's compatriot, sixth-seed Mikael Pernfors, also reached the quarters with a 3-6 6-2 1 win over Pedro Rebollo of Chile.

Edberg, ranked third in the world, was designated to play here by the Men's Tennis Council to help spice up an otherwise weak draw.

"I would have preferred to play in Europe," Edberg said after struggling through his first two matches. But the 22-year-old added: "I think this is a really good preparation for the French Open. It's a lot of hard work out there."

Defending champion Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the second



Edberg: would prefer to play in Europe

seed, continued his mastery of the damp clay courts and his opponents by overwhelming 15th-seed Milan Srejber of Cze-

choslovakia 6-1 6-0.

The 12th-ranked Gomez, hardly missed a shot and was out of the rain and back in the dry club-

house in a mere 37 minutes — a remarkable time on such a slow surface.

Srejber, ranked world 59, won just the third game of the first set before Gomez took the next 10.

"I knew if I got on top of him, he would stay down. I didn't want to stay out there all day," said Gomez after his third easy, straight sets win.

Wimbledon may always be the most prestigious tennis tournament in the world, but the Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills may soon replace it as the wettest.

For the third time in four days this \$677,500 clay court event at the former home of the US Open was plagued by weather conditions few people would play tennis in voluntarily. Even players in the hunt for the \$127,600 winner's cheque looked like unhappy yesterday.

The third round was delayed by rain for an hour and a half, and two minutes after Edberg and Muster began play on the stadium court, opening umbrellas began dotting the stands.

Two minutes later — seven points into the first game — officials suspended play as the

drizzle became a steady rain. When play resumed an hour and 17 minutes later, Edberg dropped the first two games, then began to find his groove.

Muster, who had lost just one game in his first two matches, hit much harder and deeper than the top seed, but Edberg was able to turn the Austrian's strength to his own advantage.

"He put all the pace on the ball today. In the first two matches I had to do all the work," Edberg said. "Today I just had to defend myself."

As the balls moved through the thick, damp air they became heavier, slower and less suited to Edberg's serve and volley game.

As the match wore on, however, Edberg adjusted to the conditions and his shot placement became more accurate.

## Spin

"You have to string your rackets looser than normal (in this weather) and not put too much spin on the ball," he explained.

Edberg took control of the match from 3-2 down in the second set. He ran off the next four games, breaking Muster at love in the seventh and ninth games to advance.



The Al Kuwait captain receives the trophy from Sheikh Saad

## Al Kuwait clinch Amir's Cup

Kazma tried to get back into the match in the second half but they either missed the chances that they got or were thwarted in their efforts by a strong Al Kuwait defence.

Fahad club won third place in the championship on Sunday night by beating Al Arabi 1-0.

The Fahad club were expelled from Kuwaiti football on Sunday for violence in the game with Al Kuwait last Thursday. Al Kuwait won that game 1-0.

## Jahangir sets sights on World Open title

AMSTERDAM, May 6. (Reuters): Jahangir Khan, buoyed by his seventh successive British Open title last month, now has his sights firmly set on winning the World Open championship, which begins tomorrow.

The man most likely to deny him that feat is fellow Pakistani Jansher Khan who deethroned Jahangir as world number one.

Jansher, an orthodox Muslim who plays five times a day, took the squash world by storm when he won the title at the age of 18 last year and has since established himself at the head of the world rankings.

But five times world champion Jahangir has shown signs of recovering his best form in recent months and is likely to offer Jansher his stiffest challenge since taking the title last year if the pair meet, as expected, in the final.

Jansher, the top seed here, crashed out in the British Open to world number four Rodney Martin of Australia, but added to his titles this year by winning the French Open Championship.

Rise

Apart from the world title, Jansher won nine Grand Prix tournaments in 1987 and beat Jahangir on seven consecutive occasions as he continued his meteoric rise which began at the World Junior Championships two years ago.

Jansher says the secret to his success lies in hard work, plenty of sleep and a 5:30 alarm-call every morning.

He has made no secret of the fact he and Jahangir are not bosom pals and clearly relished beating his compatriot in last year's tournament before going on to reach the final and defeating Australian Chris Dittmar for the title.

Jansher appears to have an easier route to an expected showdown with Jahangir since he has avoided Martin and world number three Dittmar in his half of the draw.

He starts the 32-player tournament, which has attracted the top 22-ranked players in the world with a first-round match against Dutchman Hans Frielink, ranked 65th in the world. If results go to form, he should meet 1986 world champion Ros Norman of New Zealand in an intriguing semifinal.

Jahangir's first match is against Australian Austin Adarraga while left-hander Dittmar, runner-up in two world finals in the last five years, takes on Sweden's Anders Wahlestedt.

## Rangers' player

GLASGOW, May 6. (Reuters): Graham Roberts, Glasgow Rangers' stand-in captain for the past six months, has played his last game for the Scottish club.



Tyson: world champion

## Tyson will KO Spinks, says Holmes

LAUREL, Maryland, May 6. (AP): Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes predicted Wednesday that Mike Tyson would knock out Michael Spinks in the fourth round of their title fight on June 27.

Holmes, the only man to face both fighters, said Spinks' unorthodox style might confuse Tyson at the outset of the heavyweight bout. But, Holmes said, "Tyson will catch up to Spinks and knock him out in the fourth round."

**Difficulty**  
Holmes said Tyson has much more ability and power than Spinks and thus should have little difficulty stretching his professional record to 35-0.

"I can't see Tyson losing," Holmes said. "Spinks just doesn't punch that hard. He comes at you and delivers a flurry of punches, but there's not much behind them."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Benfica offered gold for goals

LISBON, May 6. (Reuters): An Italian coffee firm today offered Benfica a kilo of gold for every goal they score against the Dutch side PSV Eindhoven in the European Cup final on May 25.

## English fans snubbing Euro-tourney

LONDON, May 6. (Reuters): English fans appear to be snubbing next month's European Soccer Championship in West Germany. The English Football Association (FA) said yesterday they still had several thousand tickets left for the first phase matches against Ireland, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union.

## 'Evidence' proves case against Budd

DAKAR, May 6. (Reuters): Zola Budd should not run in the Seoul Olympic Games because photographs and press clippings prove she has never severed her links with South Africa, IAAF vice-president Lamine Diack said yesterday.

## NBA playoff games results

NEW YORK, May 6. (Reuters): First-round results of National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff games yesterday. Eastern Conference: Cleveland Cavaliers 97; Chicago Bulls 91. (Series tied 2-2). Western Conference: Dallas Mavericks 107; Houston Rockets 97. (Dallas wins series 3-1). Seattle SuperSonics 127; Denver Nuggets 117. (Series tied 2-2).

## Dancing Brave under treatment again

NEWMARKET, England, May 6. (Reuters): Dancing Brave, who recently recovered from the rare equine ailment marie's disease, has had a slight relapse and is undergoing further treatment.

## Holyfield named Boxer of the Month

MEXICO CITY, May 6. (Reuters): The World Boxing Council (WBC) on Wednesday named American Evander Holyfield its April Boxer of the Month for beating Carlos de Leon of Puerto Rico to win the undisputed world cruiserweight title.

## Noah edges Cash in exhibition match

GENEVA, May 6. (AP): Yanick Noah of France downed Pat Cash of Australia 6-4, 7-5, Wednesday night in an exhibition match organized to benefit AIDS victims.

## Morocco sack soccer coach

RABAT, May 6. (Reuters): Morocco's Brazilian-born coach Jose Mehdji Faris, who guided an African nation beyond the first round of the World Cup soccer finals for the first time, has been dismissed, officials said today.

## British offered cash for records

LONDON, May 6. (AP): A £25,000 (\$46,500) bonus is being offered to any British track and field performer who breaks a world record on home ground this season.

## Spain bans all South Africans

MADRID, May 6. (Reuters): The Spanish government has banned all South Africans from competing in sports events in Spain, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

He confirmed that the ministry had instructed all Spanish consulates not to grant visas to South Africans coming to Spain to compete.

## Allowed

South Africans entering Spain on a tourist visa will be banned from competing.

Spain had until now allowed South Africans to compete as individuals if they did not represent their country.

But the ministry decided to tighten up the rules after South African world boxing champion Brian Mitchell entered Spain on a tourist visa for a title fight last month.

## RESULTS of Stratford Bridge Club tourney

1. Mrs. Donna Mattenry & Sherie Bassett  
2. Ahmed Tawfiq & Mansoor Sabri  
3. Adnan Mughal & Sandi Saeed

E/W  
1. K.T. Simon & Duruha Mekherjee  
2. Hoori Saeed & Robert Stecker  
3. Diamond Perdina & Ravi Bhut

**Clark reaches second round**

CHEPSTOW, Wales, May 6. (Reuters): Frenchman Yves Loubet, overnight leader of the Tour of Corsica rally, won seven out of 10 timed special stages yesterday but a gearbox fault has virtually cost him his chance of overall victory.

Lancia driver Loubet lost eight minutes with his gearbox problem and dropped to fourth place before today's final stage as compatriot Didier Auriol in a Ford Sierra took over the lead.

Auriol, the third French driver to hold the lead in three days, only won one timed special stage but did enough to open a gap of two minutes 23 seconds on last year's winner, Frenchman Bernard Beguin in a BMW.

Another French Lancia driver, Bruno Saby, the 1986

champion and this year's first stage winner, is third, five minutes 58 seconds behind, with Loubet six minutes 10 seconds ahead of Auriol.

The leading non-Frenchman is Finland's world champion, Jutta Kankkunen, who is fifth in his Toyota.

Corsican Loubet had a more than eventful day. He had to repair the gearbox after just 16 kms of the stage. Later he went off the road, causing turbo damage which also needed repair, and on the last special timed section had a minor collision with some cows.

However, his brilliant and aggressive driving won him the last five timed special stages and pulled him up from sixth to fourth place overall.

**Gatting: two half tons**  
The first round. He was joined by Scotland's Sam Torrance, Irishman Eamonn Darcy and another Spaniard, Jose Rivero.

Gatting sneaked through with a two-hole victory margin after rolling home a 40 feet putt at the 18th hole. But he was a round of mixed fortunes and he seemed to have missed his chance when he could only halve the 12th with a six.

**Difficulty**  
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**Hick continues run spree with majestic unbeaten 179**

LONDON, May 6. (Reuters): Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick enhanced his reputation as the outstanding young batsman in English county cricket with a majestic 179 not out for champion leaders Worcestershire yesterday.

Hick's dominant innings against Somerset at Taunton was the most accomplished batting performance on a day when paceman Jon Agnew and Gladstone Small shared the bowling honours by pressing their claims for an England recall.

## Dismissed

Agnew's six for 37 helped Leicestershire to topple Kent for 121 at Leicester, while fellow fast-medium bowler Small took five for 29 as Warwickshire dismissed Yorkshire for 194 at Edgbaston.

Hick lifted Worcestershire from 132 for five to 312 for five at the close, and has now scored 589 runs in six innings this season. He is on course to become the first player since New Zealander Glenn Turner, in 1973, to reach 1,000 runs in first-class games before the end of May.

**Gatting: two half tons**  
Benson and Hedges cup match against Sussex at Lord's to guide Middlesex to their fifth successive victory.

The weather, rather than Sussex's bowlers, posed the biggest threat to Middlesex's winning streak being continued.

After they had cruised to 158 for two to reply to Sussex's 55-over total of 182 for nine, a thunderstorm held up play for three and a half hours. Middlesex won by five wickets with more than seven overs to spare.

Sussex just beat the same

overs (N. Taylor 67 not out, J. Agnew six for 37), Leicestershire 121 for no wicket in seven overs.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 164 for six in 70 overs (R. Bailey 66, D. Capel 40) v Gloucestershire.

At Taunton: Worcester 312 for five (G. Hick 179 not out, G. Lord 49, S. Rhodes 40 not out) v Somerset.

At the Oval: Middlesex 207 in 80.2 overs (M. Gatting 52), 44 for three in 26 overs. Surrey 44 for three in 26 overs.

At Edgbaston: Yorkshire 194 in 81.5 overs (D. Baird 68, P. Carrick 64, G. Small 59 for 29, D. Reeve four for 50), Warwickshire 50 for four in 26 overs.

At Trent Bridge: Lancashire 190 for eight in 78 overs (N. Fairbrother 91 not out) v Nottinghamshire.

At Cambridge: Glamorgan 331 for three (A. Butcher 166 not out, A. Cottier 68, G. Holmes 53 not out) v Cambridge University.

At Oxford: Hampshire 370 for seven declared (R. Smith 118, D. Turner 76, K. James 42, J. Ayling 41, M. Nicholas 40), Oxford University 38 for no wicket.

**Results**  
At Derby: Derbyshire 188 for six in 67 overs (K. Barnett 52, P. Bowler 42) v Essex.

At Leicester: Kent 121 in 41.2